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## RUSSIANS ARE COMING!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The USSR national team is likely to visit Australia for games against Victoria, NSW and South Australia in February-March next year.

PSV Eindhoven, the Polish national team and Borussia Moenchengladbach of West Germany are keen to visit in July.

Responsibility for tours has reverted back to the States and the ASF after having been handled by ASF Marketing Ltd and its director, Peter Sheehan, for two years.

Sheehan has sold his share in ASF Marketing after running three unsuccessful international tournaments.

ASF Marketing Ltd, the Australian arm of British sports promotion firm West Nally Ltd, retains TV and advertising rights for international matches here.

ASF vice-president Michael Weinstein, the chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation, said, "We are relieved to have the international games back under our control."

He said he had spoken with Soviet officials about a visit by the USSR team.

Eindhoven, Poland and Moenchengladbach are the first to show interest in visiting Australia in July. Others are likely to join the queue and it then would depend on which would be best value for money.

### Israel game live on TV

The Australia-Israel World Cup game will be televised live on SBS-TV from 12.25am on October 9.

The preceding hour will be taken up by "Pele - the dream of a boy." In it, Pele takes a boy born on the day Brazil won the World Cup in Mexico, back to the scene of the Brazilians' triumph, telling him how they did it.

Meanwhile, SBS-TV will screen a special on the World Under 16 Championships this Saturday at 6pm. Australia reached the quarter-finals of the series, played recently in China.

The final and two semi-finals of the World Youth Championships held in the USSR will be shown at 6pm on Saturday week.

## Tyrone talks

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• Tyrone James, former team mate of George Best and Bobby Moore discusses the Socceroos in this issue.

### Cumming Dunne's target

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

• This weekend's Ricoh Dockerty Cup quarter final games, with likely winners in capitals:

**SATURDAY**  
At Olympic Park No. 2: **MORWELL FALCONS** v **Green Gully** at 1.15pm, followed by **BRUNSWICK MAKEDONIA** v **Frankston Pines**.

**SUNDAY**  
At Olympic Park No. 1: **MELBOURNE CROATIA** v **Croydon** at 1.15pm, followed by **BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS** v **Sunshine-George Cross**.

"My old club, eh? Well, there's nothing I'd like better than to knock them off."

Seconds after kicking South Melbourne Hellas out of the 1985 Ricoh Dockerty Cup last weekend, Morwell Falcons coach Jimmy Dunne had started to plan for Saturday's quarter final clash with Green Gully at Olympic Park No.2 at 1.15pm.

Dunne won the 1980 Bill Fleming Medal as the best player in the Victorian



• Former Socceroo Pater Ollerton, who scored one of the goals in Croydon's 2-1 victory over Heidelberg. Opponent John Gabrielson (left) looks on apprehensively. Picture: LES SHORROCK

State League while starring with Green Gully as a sweeper but Saturday afternoon won't be a time for sentiment for the former Eire international defender.

Dunne, well aware of Tommy Cumming's form, probably will assign a marker to the little Gully ace and my bet is that job will go to Harry Bingham. And what a battle that will be, as Bingham is one of the most underrated players in State League. He's quick, he's brave and his close control is good as is his disposal.

Mick McGorian is certain to be in Falcons' starting line-up on Saturday. He came on at half time against Hellas and his ability and eagerness to run at defenders played a big part in Falcons' victory.

Gully defenders Stuart Cannell, back from suspension, and Steve McLelland, Gully's Player of the Year, should have a riveting clash with Falcons' forwards Ian Stirton and Russell Athersych.

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## ASF would back NSL decision

The Australian Soccer Federation probably will ratify any decision the National Soccer League makes about the NSL's 1986 format.

So says ASF vice-president Michael Weinstein. "If the NSL doesn't revert to 14 clubs next year, then it will do so in 1987," he said.

"They cannot survive under the present set-up. The only alternatives are to revert to a 14-team league, or to have a series of State super leagues, with national playoffs."

South Melbourne Hellas president Jim Diamataris meanwhile, has threatened that his club will withdraw from the NSL unless the format is changed.

He said Hellas would seek membership of the Victorian State League.

The clubs that want a 14-team league are anxious for the NSL to call a meeting as quickly as possible so a firm decision can be made.

They have the numbers to push the change through. But the 10 clubs who would drop out, will need to give their respective State federations sufficient notice in order to be included in State Leagues for 1986.

Many of the clubs that fear they would be excluded from an elite league are threatening legal action to preserve their NSL status.

★ SEE: 'CLUB BOSSES MAKE ME SICK' — PAGE 7.

## Kiwis will help Socceroos: Arok



By TED SIMMONS

Australia left yesterday (Tuesday) for Tel Aviv to meet Israel on October 8 in its second match of the Oceania qualifying rounds for the 1986 World Cup, having limbered up with a 3-0 victory over China in Brisbane last Friday.

"Being first in Oceania is our aim and we're going to do everything to get that spot," said Coach Frank Arok.

"I think New Zealand can take a point off Israel which will help our campaign. The Kiwis will hit everything that moves."

"I'm also quite certain that the Mt Smart ground in Auckland will be a disaster area for Israel."

"It's very hard, the grass is short and the ball bounces unusually high. Even with rain it's still bad."

"There was 20 days of constant rain before we played earlier this month and the ground was still like a rock."

Arok is confident the Australians will begin

to pick up their game in the remaining Oceania matches.

He expected the team to be nervous in its opening 9-0 draw against New Zealand and the 3-0 win against China but forecasts a more confident performance on October 8.

"The ball is in our court now to get that point from Israel in Tel Aviv and capitalise on our home advantage," he said.

"Israel has good strikers and a capable midfield but the ground, which is only used for internationals, will suit our players."

"I'm also hoping Scotland will regard Australia as an easy match."

"I can't see Scotland bringing out its strongest team to Australia because of club commitments and if we lose in Scotland, I don't think it would be by more than one goal."

"We can't lose anything if we face Scotland. We can only gain from the experience," he said.



• Ray Farrugia holds aloft Melita Eagles' trophy after the club had won the NSW grand final. See page 14.



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• Paul Wade — helped beat China last week, and now gunning for George Cross.

## Juventus aims for the double

From page one

The biggest threat to Falcons is the pace of Paul Lewis and Falcons sweeper Graham Tutill will have to give good cover to his fellow defenders to give the Latrobe Valley side a chance of pulling off another upset.

I'm going to lay it on the line and tip Falcons in a game which could go right down to the wire.

Preston Makedonia should end Frankston Pines' fine run in the Rich Dockery Cup when they clash in the second match at Olympic Park No. 2 on Saturday.

Pines haven't been able to solve their defensive problems all year although Rob Nelson, the former Sunshine star, probably is their best bet as a sweeper. Nelson lined up in that position in Pines' 3-2 win over Footscray J.U.S.T. last weekend.

Warren Spink should be back from injury to add his considerable attacking flair to a Makedonia front line that already boasts Sean Lane, an Australian B international, and Gary Cole who has made 38 Socceroo appearances, scoring 21 goals in the process.

However, Robbie Dunn and Ian Dobson won't be available. Dunn is in Israel with the Socceros preparing for their vital World Cup qualifying game while Dobson had an operation last week and won't play again this year.

Nevertheless, Makedonia has enough depth to cover their loss and should be too strong for Pines.

Brunswick Juventus runs into Sunshine-George Cross at Olympic Park No. 1 on Sunday as it attempts to add the Rich Dockery Cup to its national championship win a few weeks ago.

Only Mike Petersen, due to Socceroo commitments, will be missing from the Juventus line-up while Don MacLaren returns from suspension and probably will take Mark Lennon's spot in the George Cross side.

## Petersen tops, McDowell in fine debut

AUSTRALIA B 2 (Petersen 50th, Wade 72nd) CHINA 0 at Seiffert Oval, Monday, Sept. 23. Crowd about 3000. Referee: Richard Lorenc 8.

AUSTRALIA B: Banovic 7 (Franklin 7, half time) — Gray 7 (Carter 85th), Dunn 8, McDowell 9, McCulloch 7 — Farina 9, Miranda 7 (Lee 70th), Petersen 9, Wade 7 — Arnold 7 (Kalanias 70th), Patikas 7. Coach: John Margaritis.

Australia B team coach John Margaritis of Brunswick-Juventus employed the same tactics that won him the Australian championship: a four-man midfield that closed down like lightning, and that pushed forward quickly on the flanks.

Unlike the national A team, which uses three central defenders, Margaritis used only two — Robbie Dunn and Gary McDowell. The latter was one of the stars of the match and was making his Socceroo debut.

But the best on the ground was midfielder Mike Petersen who, however, continues to remain on the bench of the A team.

Frank Farina pushed forward explosively on the right side, and set up Australia's opening goal. After bursting through the Chinese defence, goalkeeper Xu could only

**Man of the match:**  
**MIKE PETERSEN**  
(Australia B)

parry the ball back to Farina who then crossed to the oncoming Petersen who beat a man and slipped the ball into the net.

For the second goal, Paul Wade was on hand to bury the ball after it had bounced over the head of the hapless Chinese keeper.



• Brunswick Juventus and Australia B midfielder Richard Miranda.

## Relief for Margaritis

AUSTRALIA "B" 1 (Arnold 76th) CHINA 1 (Ma Lin 28th) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1,530, Wednesday, Referee G. Power 8.

AUSTRALIA "B": Banovic 6 (Gibson 46th-7), — Gray 5, Dunn 8, McDowell 7, McCulloch 7 — Farina 5 (Lee 71st), Petersen 7, Miranda 6, Wade 6 (Kalanias 53rd) — 6 — Patikas 5 (Lane 70th), Arnold 6. Coach: John Margaritis.

CHINA: Jiangping 6, — Dong Ding 6, Hongxiang 7, Xinguan 8, Sheng 7 — Wang Jun 6, Chen Dong 6, Ma Lin 8, — Huiliang 6, Huagun 5, Wu Quinli 8. Coach: Nian Weisi.

China shared the spoils at St George Stadium and could only blame its own players for ineptness in front of goal. It was a game the Chinese should have won.

Much faster, with ideas to burn and speed to match, the visitors rolled the ball about the park as if at a training session, treating our "B" internationals to some dazzling footwork.

John Margaritis, sitting next to Frank Arok on the Australian bench, was delighted, I am sure, to see this game end in a 1-1 draw.

China had an early goal disallowed over offside nine minutes into the game. China had Australia stretched far and wide before Li Huayun took a stab at it from some 18 metres. It took a deflection, deceiving Banovic to rest inside the net just off the post.

It was a good goal and no INTERFERE with play in an offside position.

The goal was cancelled, which prompted both the Chinese coach and his assistant to start a torrent of complaints that rained throughout the match.

I feel that Gary McDowell's late tackle in the fifth minute, coupled with the actions by the Chinese coach, upset the Chinese team.



Alex Vesic

**Man of the match:**  
**ROBBIE DUNN**  
(Australia B)

bound but the body of the Chinese custodian was in the way again.

McDowell scored moments later but this time he helped himself by pushing a Chinese player and the goal was disallowed.

The Chinese went into the lead after 28 minutes. Lu Hongxiang created some space on the left before crossing to the far post for Ma Lin to head home, with Australian defenders not to be seen.

Eight minutes later McDowell was pushed in the back by Xiuquan and Gary Power gave Australia a penalty!

Mike Petersen hit the crossbar and the chance went begging!

With 16 minutes remaining and the Chinese in control, another chance came their way. Mike Gibson spilled a back-pass and Chen Dong was in the clear, but he missed it. The ball roiled back for unmarked Li Huayun who simply put it into Gibson's hands.

The Chinese paid dearly for those misses, for only two minutes later Grant Lee put in a long searching cross and Graham Arnold rose above Hongxiang to head into the top left-hand corner of the net.



• Flashback to 1976 as Franz Beckenbauer (left) now coach of West Germany, is hugged by then coach Helmut Schoen. They had plenty of reasons to celebrate last week as Beckenbauer turned 40 while Schoen celebrated his 70th birthday. West Germany also celebrated, reaching the World Cup finals again. See reports on page 6.

## Yugoslavs beaten

East Germany beat Yugoslavia 2-1 (halftime 0-0) in a World Cup European Group Four Qualifier in Belgrade.

Scorers: Yugoslavia — Skoro (half minute).

East Germany — Thom (48th and 50th).

Attendance: 40,000. Group four standings:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bulgaria	5	1	1	12	3	11
East Germany	4	0	3	14	8	8
Yugoslavia	3	2	2	7	8	8
France	3	0	2	4	7	6
Luxembourg	3	0	2	2	10	6

Remaining Matches:

France v Luxembourg (October 30), France v Yugoslavia, East Germany, Bulgaria (November 16).

In TAIF, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) beat Iraq 2-1 (halftime 1-0) in the second leg of their Asian Group A second round World Cup qualifying tie.

Scorers:

UAE — Fahd Kamis (1st min), Adnan Taliani (51st).

Iraq — Karim Alawi (90th).

Iraq goes through to a third round tie against Syria for a place in the finals on the away goals rule, having won the first leg 3-2.

• More World Cup reports, page 6.

IT'S ON!

MEXICO CITY, Guillermo Canedo, president of the World Cup organising committee, has confirmed the competition will go ahead as planned next year despite last week's earthquakes.

World Cup organisers here have been at pains to tell the world that none of the stadiums to be used in the tournament were damaged.

## Azzurri, Birkalla reach Cup final

By ALLAN CRISP

The vagaries of soccer came to the fore last Saturday when Azzurri and Birkalla qualified for this week's West End Premier Cup final.

Polonia and Beograd entered the semi-finals as short-priced favorites, but crashed to underdogs Azzurri and Birkalla.

Polonia went down 4-2 to Azzurri, while Birkalla scored a late penalty to eliminate Beograd 2-1 in extra time.

Azzurri coach Joe Serafini will be faced with an embarrassment of riches for the final as midfielders Chris Manolev and Dragan Illic will return after being barred from the semi-final through suspension.

Roger Zola and Angie Giannitto will probably be asked to make way for the more senior players, but the youngsters performed well last Saturday and are not certain to be dropped.

Birkalla boss Rab Jones has no such luxury so is expected, barring injuries, to field an unchanged line-up.

Jones displayed fine judgement in recalling young Robert Tobin and Dave Mahony to the team which struggled to a 1-1 against Beograd in the first leg semi-final.

Craig Leith and Andy Owens made way for Tobin and Mahony, even though Leith scored and Owens was an effective defender in the first game.

Jones, a renowned tactician, will formulate special methods to counter Azzurri's hat-trick hero of the semi-final, Pat DeVita.

Lightly-built DeVita capitalised on two tentative pass-backs by Polonia's Garie Dooley to score two of his three goals and used to speed to great advantage to snare his third goal.

Mahony, John Pope and Terry Hayes will need all their penetrative ability to finish on top of Azzurri's competent Peter Herd, Paul Kitchin, Ossie McVie and Robbie Alberton.

In the home and away Rothmans League season Azzurri conceded six goals less than champion Salisbury United to proudly claim the best defensive record in the league.

Largely responsible for the record is Azzurri's excellent young goalkeeper David Miller, who backs Herd, Kitchin, Ossie McVie and Alberton with expertise which belies his years.

Birkalla goalkeeper Norm Green also has had a great season and the fate of this top eight series could rest in the safe keeping of the capable custodians.

• WEST END PREMIER CUP (semi-finals).

Birkalla 2 (Gammell 56th, Hayes 117th), Beograd 1 (Jovanovic 100th) Azzurri 4 (F. Michelson 23rd, DeVita 26th, 61st and 77th), Polonia 2 (Kierno 69th, Dooley 57th).



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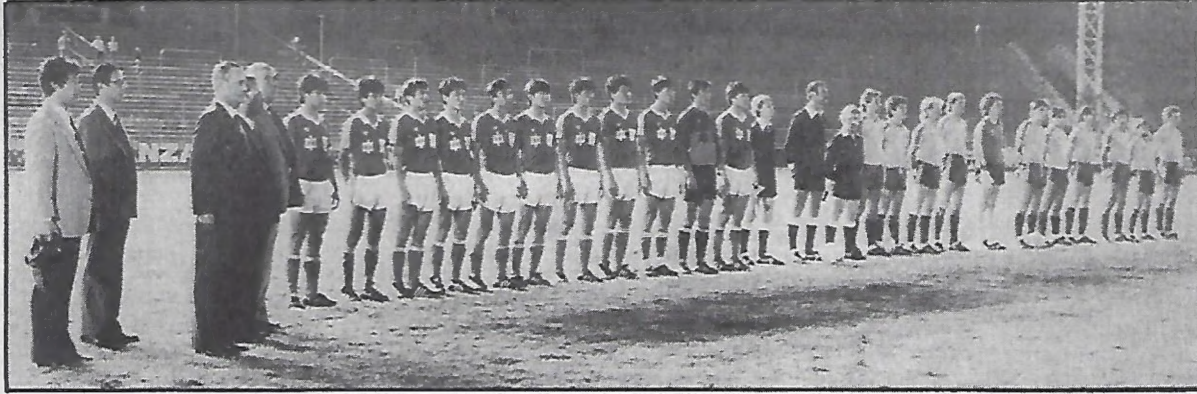
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• Australia and China line-up before their clash at Lang Park last Friday night. Pictures: CARLOS PICASSO.

# World Cup hopes are no brighter after China

AUSTRALIA 'A' 3 (Kosmina 9th, Crino 14th, Watson 63rd) CHINA 0 at Lang Park, Brisbane, Friday night. Crowd: 4,823. Referee: Bill Monte-Verde 9.

Kosmina 9th, Crino 14th, Watson 63rd CHINA 0 at Lang Park, Brisbane Friday. Crowd: 4823. Referee: Bill Monte-Verde 9.

AUSTRALIA 'A': Greedy 8 (Oliver 69th) — Davidson 6, Ratcliffe 7, Yankos 7, Jennings 7 — Odakov 5, Watson 9 (Farina 68th), Crino 7, Murphy 7 — Mitchell 9, Kosmina 8.

CHINA: Xu Jianping 7 — Wang Gongming 6, Gao Sheng 4, Jia Xiquan 5, Lu Hongxiang 7 — Jun Wang 5, Li Hangan 8, Duan Ju 6, Chen Dong 5 — Ma Lin 7, Wu Qunli 4 (Wei Xing 56th).

Free kicks: Australia 9, China 10. Corners — Australia 3, China 5. Offside: Australia 1, China 0.

The Socceroos got two hands around the Ampol Cup in beating China in Brisbane — but they are no closer to the World Cup Finals.

Although the 3-0 scoreline was comfortable, and the Socceroos dominated the match, they failed to drive home their advantage.

With much pointing towards the tough Oceania group being decided on goal difference, Australia's hopes of getting into the home-and-away tie with Scotland could rest on how many goals we slam past the weak Taiwanese.

Israel, our opponent in Tel Aviv next Tuesday, already has slammed 11 past Taiwan in two games but Australia's — or more to the point, Frank Arok's obsession with defence over the past 12 months, seemingly has left the Socceroos afraid to go forward.

Although the bumpy Lang Park ground was hardly conducive to good football, Australia had China on its knees



Ricky Rosso

Man of the match:  
**DAVID MITCHELL**  
(Australia A)

after just 14 minutes when the Socceroos led 2-0. A cricket score should have been in the making.

But the Australians were content to push the ball harmlessly around the mid-third. Some players appeared to decide the game was over and no more effort was required. A better side than China may have capitalised on that.

Arok rated Taiwan a poorer side than China and predicted the Socceroos would score "six or seven" when they clash with Taiwan next month. "This was a rehearsal for the Taiwan game and after tonight we are in business. If we are purposeful, I am sure we can put six or seven away," Arok said.

The secret to playing Asian sides is to give them as little room as possible — something Les Scheinflug's 1983 young Socceroos learned only too late — and Arok said his side played accordingly.

"We can't match them in speed and silky touches. We had to close them down and capitalise on our strength and aerial dominance," Arok said.

And in that regard, when the Socceroos decided to play, they certainly did just that. The first two goals came through well-won headers by David Mitchell, who emerged as Australia's best player.

The former Adelaide boy is a much more mature and clever player for his stint

overseas and his renewed partnership with John Kosmina will undoubtedly produce many goals in the future, for Sydney-Hakoah if not Australia in the coming games.

Mitchell, along with Kosmina and Joe Watson in the second half, gave 100 percent and proved too good for the weak Chinese defence.

Australia opened the match with a half-scare when Oscar Crino, who again drifted in and out of the match, played a bad back pass to Terry Greedy. The nippy Ma Lin darted onto the loose pass but shot wide — a trait which was to become characteristic of the Chinese game throughout the match.

Australia began with just four defenders, while the Chinese played 3-3-4 when in possession but funnelled back into a 4-4-2 once they were dispossessed.

Despite the early shock of nearly conceding a goal and giving away five free kicks to one inside the first quarter of an hour, Australia began to look dangerous when it attacked along the flanks, the only area of the pitch which was playable.

It was from a right-side cross by Alan Davidson in the ninth minute that opened the scoring.

Davidson, who reportedly wore a brace to protect his injured back, knocked a fine ball into the penalty box where Mitchell rose to head to his striking partner. Unmarked Kosmina pounced on the half chance, turning and steering a right-foot shot into the far side of the goal.

The second Australian goal came just five minutes later from a Joe Watson free kick on the right. The little midfielder found Mitchell in the air again and the big striker headed goalwards. Kosmina rose with his marker and one, or both, managed to get a nod back to the waiting Oscar Crino on the edge of the box.

Crino fired a great shot into the net, displaying a finishing that Arok can only hope all his team copies with any half chances against the Israelis.

The two-goal buffer all but sank the Chinese, whose only classy players were skilful midfielder Li Huang, left back Lo Hongxiang, and opportunist striker Ma Lin.

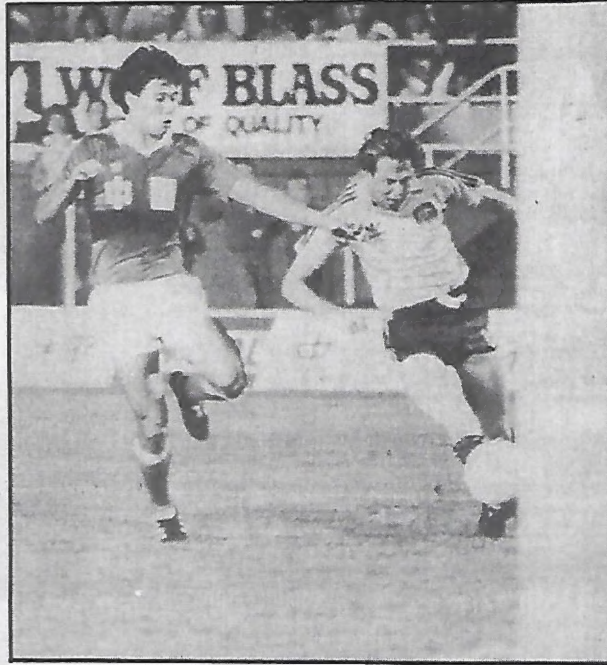
The Chinese defence was extremely shaky, particularly down the centre and for 10 minutes after the second goal the Australians ran riot — albeit without scoring.

In the 16th minute Mitchell made a great run down the left, only to see his cross travel right across the goalmouth, while later Watson put a corner across the goal and Mitchell had a header fly just wide.

The small, but vocal Brisbane crowd expected a goal-packed second half when Australia led by two at the break, but the Chinese took the initiative when the second period kicked off.

They took to the wings but lacked any kin of composure once in a scoring position. Several times the pace of Ma Lin beat the Australian defenders, with Davidson and Yankos prone to committing themselves too early.

But any Chinese revival was cut short when Watson made a fine solo run from midfield to



• The star of Australia's 3-0 victory, striker David Mitchell (right) is about to let fly with a firm drive.

who offered only weak resistance, and expertly slot the ball away.

With the game won, Arok gave former Queenslander Frank Farina a run — for the home crowd more than anything else — and also gave Jeff Oliver another international appearance — despite Greedy's competent performance.

The Heidelberg keeper, though, was thrown immediately into a potentially dangerous situation when in the 77th minute the Chinese broke with four on three. But again Ma Lin shot wide.

Australia had a fine opportunity to add one more in the 78th when a 50m Murphy break saw him slip the ball to Mitchell, who found the line and crossed yet again to find no one in the goalmouth for the final tap-in.

Ma Lin also had several breakaway opportunities in the dying minutes, as the Australians went through the motions, but lacked the composure of a true international striker.

Although the match was far from a thriller, it was hard to criticise Arok or his team for reversing last year's defeat in Beijing.

Despite Davidson's obvious lack of fitness, Arok was pleased the former South Melbourne defender made it through the 90 minutes — although there still must be a question mark about his back holding in a testing match.

The game was very much different to the clash with New Zealand and therefore it was difficult to draw comparisons, but the midfield offered more than in the Auckland match.

"The two strikers did everything I asked and the midfield showed much more cohesion," Arok said.

"We simply overpowered the Chinese."

The Chinese contingent, obviously very upset at the poor showing, left quickly after the match.

"Australia went well but there was no teamwork in our side. Our mistakes were very clear for everyone to see," Chinese coach Nian Weiss said through an interpreter.

Finally, the match was a winner for Brisbane referee Bill Monte-Verde. It was the first of two internationals he must control before receiving his FIFA badge, and a faultless performance ensured a good report on his first big

## Big changes for China

As part of an upheaval in the Chinese national side after a riot four months ago during a World Cup qualifying match in Peking, even the coaches were replaced.

New coach Nian Weiss, a former national star in the 1950s and '60s, and his assistants Gao Fengwen and Hu, picked the side from recommendations from provincial coaches two days before leaving China for games in Papua New Guinea.

Only five players have been retained from the old squad: Zhu Bo, Lu Hongxiang, Li Huayun, Jia Xuquan and Chi Minghua.

"Everything is new: the players, the coaches, the style and the aims," Hu said.

"All we want from these games is experience. You can win games anywhere, but experience is the important thing for these boys."

— JAN MARTIN

## Israel boss is worried

Israel coach Joseph Mirmovich is concerned about the physical tactics displayed by Australia and New Zealand in their World Cup clash in Auckland.

"The scoreless draw between Australia and New Zealand was a physical battle which didn't let the teams play properly," he said.

"Israel is not a physical team but we have some strong players."

Mirmovich, who obviously was pleased with the Auckland result, was cautious about the coming match against Australia.

"It is always a big battle between Australia and New Zealand but there is not the same feeling against Israel," he said.

"There is room for improvement in both teams and Israel cannot afford to relax just because it will have the home advantage."

"Our home is our castle but we will still need more than local conditions to win."

— TED SIMMONS



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• Tyrone James's most illustrious teammates, from left: George Best, Alan Mullery, Rodney Marsh, Bobby Moore.

# TYRONE JAMES

## *George Cross star advises: don't change Roos now!*

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Tyrone James saw cause for concern in the Socceroos' performance against New Zealand in Auckland but it would be a mistake, he believes, for coach Frank Arok to change the team.

"It is too late to change the side," says the former team-mate of George Best, Bobby Moore, Alan Mullery and Rodney Marsh.

"If you do that, you get other players saying: 'Look, we went so far together, and now they've dropped him.' It's a matter now of building confidence in everyone who's in the team. It's a matter of watching videos of Israel in action, but concentrating on our own game in order to keep the confidence up. It's no good harping on about how good Israel is, or how they play."

Although James lists Jim Patikas (Sydney Croatia) as one of the best players he's seen here — certainly the most direct attacking player — he'd only have Patikas on the bench. "Strikers work in pairs, so it's not just a matter of putting a new man in, but of breaking up a partnership," he says. "At the moment, Kosmina and Mitchell have that partnership, and the midfielders know what kind of service

to give them. There is so much more involved than simply throwing in a new man."

But James — who's impressive George Cross debut season culminated in his inclusion in "Soccer Action's" team of the year — was far from impressed with what he saw of the Socceroos on television from Auckland.

"There was no leader in the field," he says.

"Davidson has a big reputation so perhaps his absence had something to do with it, but the defence didn't seem to know what it was doing. Ratcliffe and Yankos weren't dominant enough — and instead of getting it and playing it, Yankos sent everything long. The left back, Jennings, seems to get lost when he goes forward. The midfield played too many short passes, and the full backs didn't come up in support. Up front Kosmina didn't do much. He looks like a luxury player. If the opposing sweeper stays very deep, then one of the forwards should stand right on him, or at least the forwards should go wide, to make the defenders work. Instead, they played mostly in front of the back four. If you get no joy, then why not send another man up into the midfield? New Zealand had only two strikers, after all."

For all of that however, James remains optimistic on Australia's behalf. What chance do the Socceroos have if they go all the way to the final qualifying tie, against Scotland?

"Well, the Australians would have to know what game they wanted to play, and they'd have to play it rather than just try to stop Scot-



• Tyrone James (right) Australia's No. 1 right back in his first NSL season — shadows Green Gully striker Paul Lewis.

land. Professional players think two moves ahead, so it's very hard just to go out to try to stop them. Also, the game lasts 90 minutes, so the Australians will have to pace themselves, and not try to go for the early goal. Fitness also will play its part, but if they play the right game, I think they could get a draw in Scotland."

Tyrone James, 29, ranks among the most cultured defenders in Australian soccer. He proclaimed upon his arrival from England in May that he wanted to maintain a low profile. That aspiration has gone out the window because he has emerged as a member of the elite.

The man has style. Be it as sweeper, stopper or full back, James is more than merely a hard man to beat. He has flair. He provides leadership. He passes expertly over long distances. He is fast. He is inventive. He sets up goals. He makes play.

Soccer is but one side of his creative nature. Tyrone James is also a talented pianist. Classical music is his passion — Ludwig von Beethoven specifically.

His scrap book takes us on a journey through a topsy-turvy career from Newham Boys in schools soccer, via West Ham, Fulham and Plymouth to Sunshine-George Cross in Melbourne.

With West Ham, he won the London Youth Cup final, (junior section) against Orient.

He made his senior debut for Fulham in a 0-1 loss to Luton Town in 1976 as a 19-year-old. His was "a brilliant performance that had the crowd applauding his every move." The Fulham side was: Mellor — James, Howe, Moore, Slough — Conway, Mullery, Lloyd — Barrett, Busby, Mitchell (Dowie).

You recognise, of course, Bobby Moore in defence, Alan Mullery in midfield and Viv Busby up front. But what about John Dowie, the sub? He's the same John Dowie who now plays for NSL champion Juventus, as sweeper.

George Best and Rodney Marsh joined James later. But James outshone them. In headlines, he was called Tyrone The Tiger. One particularly inventive sub-editor penned the line: "It's power to Tyrone."

He was born in London of a family from Trinidad and Tobago. Hence, Trinidad tried hard to secure him in 1976 for World Cup qualifying matches but failed after Fulham stipulated that James had to be insured for \$420,000 and paid \$250 a week by the Trinidad and Tobago football association.

But he did get to play in Trinidad — as part of an all-black English side selected by coach Terry Venables, now with Barcelona. That side included, among others, Laurie Cunningham, Garth Crooks and Cyrille Regis.

James had a stint with Plymouth Argyle, and arrived in Melbourne nine games into the NSL season. It therefore was a first-class effort to be chosen in "Soccer Action's" team of the year, according to votes gained in the Boral Bricks best player award. He was listed at right back, with 33 votes, ahead of Drago Deankovic (Melbourne Croatia) and Bobby Russell (SM-Hellas).

He rates Russell as a good, hard player who makes sure of making the first tackle count. He also has time for strikers Andrew Zinni (Juventus) and Stuart Stevenson (Heidelberg-Alexander) as well as Charlie Egan (Hellas) although he snuffed out Egan when George Cross met Hellas. "Egan's good in the box. He's got a reputation, so people stand off him, expecting him to do the unorthodox. It'll be interesting to see how he does without Doug Brown (on transfer). Good strikers come in pairs. Now he's got to go solo."

Like most exceptional players, it's hard to get James to praise opponents because invariably, opponents don't do much against him. "My experience helps," he says matter-of-factly. "They have to lift their game when they play against me and if they do, then I'll raise me hands and say well done. I've got nothing to prove. They have."

Still on opponents, we asked his opinion about Mike Petersen, the Juventus midfielder whose name is on the lips of everyone with an appreciation of the finer things in football. "He's got the talent," James says. "He's full of it, but I'd say he's at the crossroads. He seems to wait for other players to do the work, and if



• Jim Patikas (right) of Sydney Croatia and Australia — the most direct player James has seen here.



# ENGLAND'S BLACK MAGIC SOCCER ELEVEN

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• Tyrone James (front row, second from right) was chosen by Terry Venables in an English all-black team that visited Trinidad. From left, back row: Walker, Regis, Richardson, Cunningham, Hilaire, Chiedozie, Front: Lee, James, Fisher, White, Crooks.

**Gardiner:  
Cross  
or Gully**



George Cross or Green Gully — that's the choice facing John Gardiner (pictured)

George Cross, the club he played for in the late sixties and early seventies, almost reached the finals under Gardiner this year. It finished last in 1984.

But Green Gully also wants him. He played there for two seasons, and was assistant to the then coach, Bobby McLachlan.

George Cross won a recent round-robin competition against Juventus, Heidelberg-Alexander and Footscray J.U.S.T., which raised \$1500 for Ivan Istuk who broke a leg during the last NSL round.

George Cross beat Juventus 3-0, JUST 3-0 and drew 0-0 with Alexander. George Cross and Alexander finished level on points, but George Cross had a superior goal difference.

Istuk, meanwhile, is recovering slowly. He has metal pins in his leg and, of course, is unable to work.

## TYRONE'S POWER

TYRONE JAMES, a 19-year-old black with a laughing black face had an extraordinary introduction to League football with beaten Fulham yesterday.

Have a look at the kid from Ilford on the "Big Match" programme this afternoon and he'll make you overlook a game which, disappointingly, wasn't up to the standard you expect from these teams.

We've still waiting for a coloured player to add durability and consistency to natural grace and style, but Tyrone has given himself every chance of breaking down the barrier.

Normally, he plays in Bobby Moore's position in the reserves.

Yesterday, because Fulham were pushed for full-backs, he filled in there memorably.

Apart from occasionally catching his front men in an offside trap with careless passes, he was faultless. His timing of tackles

## Calypso Kid James off to Fulham flier

### THE BIG MATCH

By TERRY McNEILL Luton 1 Fulham 0

was perfect, he won challenges cleanly in the air and, just as important, the occasional roughing-up he received left him unmoved.

Alan Mullery, who has seen it all, was as enthusiastic as the rest of us. "I urged the boss to pick him," he said. "I knew he wouldn't let anybody down."

"But he was better than that, wasn't he? Nothing worried him, not even when some of the crowd had a go at him."

"I told him to expect

that. We have no racial discrimination here and I told him that if he heard things he didn't like, not to worry—all it meant was that he was on top of his job."

Tyrone will be watching himself this afternoon, and West Ham will have more than a passing interest in the programme. They had him as an amateur and then, characteristically, fixed him up with Fulham when they had no room for him.

His happy features

were Fulham's only ray of sunshine as they lost valuable ground in the scramble for promotion. Until they find or buy a scoring forward, such scorelines will be repeated.

Luton, who lost John Seaman early on with a facial injury, looked the likelier long-term prospects, with Peter Anderson, oozing dancer, and the defence solid and mean.

Up front, they also have problems—as 13 goals in 11 matches testify—and the goal that won it in the 21st minute from Brian Chambers, his first in League football, pointed the finger of suspicion at Peter Mellor.

LUTON — Barber 6, Ryan (John), Thomson 6, Anderson 7, Faulkner 6, Fisher (Paul) 6, Ryan (Jim) 6, Spring 5, Fisher (B), S. Chambers 6, Seaman (injured) 6, Sub: West 6.

FULHAM — Mellor 6, James 8, Sloun 7, Mullery 6, Howe 7, Moore 6, Nicholls (withdrew) 5, Connors 3, Bobby 7, Lloyd 5, Barrett 5, Sub: Dowse 6.



• Mike Petersen — must assert himself more.



• John Dowie — Tyrone James's team-mate at Fulham.



• Bobby Russell — tough full back who makes the first tackle count.



• Stuart Stevenson — has the admiration of Tyrone James.



• Sunshine-George Cross, from left, standing: Noel Mitten, Tyrone James, Carl Gilder, Lou Kastner, Steve Richardson, Gerry Bennett, Ossie Latif. Front: John Campelj, Roger Bain, Jeff Faulkner, Mark Lennon Chris Taylor, Don McLaren.

they don't, then he does it. He's got to assert himself more on the park. He's like Glenn Hoddle—great touch and vision but he's got to assert himself and he's got to come up with the work rate."

James believes George Cross can go one step further next year and qualify for the NSL finals. "We just need to score from a higher percentage of the chances we create," he says. "The same players we have now, can do it for the club. We've got togetherness. Everyone wants to play for the team, they help each other."

He describes the NSL style as "hard, physical, but good." Referees however, should jump in earlier to discourage the rough stuff. And one particular refereeing decision, in Adelaide, still has James and every other George Cross player puzzled.

Stopper Steve Richardson was rolling the ball backwards, slowly, pursued by an opponent. When he got into the penalty area, the referee awarded Adelaide City a free kick. Time-wasting was the verdict, even though Richardson had kept the ball on the move! Adelaide City scored, and the result was a draw. The point lost would have taken George Cross into the finals.

His contract expires in October, 1986. If he stays in Australia he would be a leading candidate for the national team, in any defensive position.

Meanwhile, he gets enjoyment and satisfaction from the game he loves.

"It's the thing I do best," he says. "This is me. I play football. When people say: 'Well done,' it's nice, but I just try as hard as I can within the context of the team. It's a buzz for

me. I'm doing something I always wanted to: playing professional soccer. I was told by coaches when I was young that I'd never do it, but I am doing it. I always want to play better than the last game."

"Some players over here burn themselves out too early. That won't happen to me. They do well early, they enjoy the publicity, the partying, the late nights. They get overweight. They believe what people tell them and they eventually are not as good as they think they are."

James doesn't smoke, he drinks perhaps two glasses of wine on a special occasion. He plays squash, he jogs to supplement his training.

"I like my own world. I'm a quiet person," he says. "I don't socialise late into the night. It's not the way I am. I want memories from football."



Smith takes over with Egyptian soccer on the slide. Morocco knocked Egypt out of the World Cup finals with a 2-0 aggregate win in July and Norway beat it in two recent friendlies.



# Tsolakis: smallest man in the NSL

By  
CRAIG  
MACKENZIE

Mike Petersen, Andrew Zinni, Aki Kotzamis, Joe Palatsides, Mehmet Durakovic . . . and now Peter Tsolakis, who stands all of 5'2" tall — on tiptoes!

Port Melbourne produces young National League stars faster than Rudi Gutendorf once produced Australian internationals.

Tsolakis probably is the smallest player in the National League. From the first moment he pulled on a Heidelberg strip he expected to be physically intimidated by opponents, but he met them head-on.

"Two Juventus players told me that they'd break my leg after I beat one of them but that didn't worry me. That sort of talk just makes me want to try even harder and beat players again and again," said Tsolakis, who turns 20 in December.

"There are quite a few big, tough fullbacks in the National League but I'm used to being kicked. Playing in the Victorian Leagues isn't easy but you get used to guys trying to flatten you."

Tsolakis joined Heidelberg this year in time to make his youth team debut in the third league round. And when it comes to dish it out, don't let his size fool you.

"I was sent off in my fourth game for Heidelberg. We were playing Hellas in a youth game and I got sick of being kicked by Manny (Anezakis) and the referee not doing anything about it. So I kicked Manny and got sent off. I missed two games, then played a few more youth team matches before being told on the Friday that I was in the side travelling to Brisbane to play Brisbane City on the Sunday."

Tsolakis had a dream debut, scoring in Heidelberg's 3-0 win. A Stuart Stevenson shot was parried by Brisbane City goalie Kim Wishart and Tsolakis ran in and planted the ball into the back of the net.

He's gone onto the field understanding nervous but with encouragement from all the Heidelberg players.

"All my team mates told me before the match to go out there and just play my normal game. They were a really big help."

Tsolakis was born in Melbourne and started his soccer career with the Port Melbourne under 11s. He played in a few regional representative sides but never played for Victoria. His first senior game for Port was against Thomastown at Partridge Reserve. Thomastown won 6-0 but Tsolakis, playing as a right-sided mid-fielder, was pleased with his



● Heidelberg's Peter Tsolakis (left) soars above Makedonia's George Petrov to win this heading duel. Picture: LES SHORROCK.



● Joe Palatsides

debut and the following season established himself in the seniors.

Steve Kalogeros, now at Hellas, and Stan Hackett, now at Juventus, were the coaches who most influenced him as he rose through junior ranks.

"Steve is the guy who got me started. He taught me the basics and what a team we had. We won three or four

championships under him and a couple of JLMC Cups. Stan's a good coach too. We won two championships under him. But the guy who had the greatest influence on me was Mike Petersen's dad, Hans. He was incredible. He brought most of the under 16s into the seniors and he preached skill, skill and more skill."

"I remember playing a game where the guys in the other side were getting a hiding. One of them yelled: 'Come on lads, you can't lose to this lot today. They've got to go to school tomorrow.'"

So let's look at Tsolakis's view of former Port team mates who he now squares up to in the National League.

ANDREW ZINNI (Juventus): "He was our (Port's) main scorer. We'd just pump the ball up to Andrew and his speed and finishing ability did the rest."

MIKE PETERSEN (Juventus): "If he's not the best, he's certainly one of the best midfielders in Australia. We'd rip

teams apart with Mike's passing in midfield."

AKI KOTZAMIS (M. Croatia): "Nothing got past big Aki — absolutely nothing. I remember playing with Aki in the under 15s and he was the biggest player in the league even though he still was under 14!"

JOE PALATSIDES (Juventus): "He played with Andrew up front and also scored regularly. He's really good in the air and he gets a lot of penalties, because no-one dives better than Joe."

MEHMET DURAKOVIC (Juventus): "Me and 'Mem' grew up together and like me, he's got a hell of a lot to thank Hans Petersen for."

The highlight of Tsolakis's stint at Port came last year when he was runner-up to Tony Heery in the Third Division's best and fairest voting. That put Tsolakis on the map.

"My phone was running riot after that. I got offers from Caulfield and South Oakleigh among others and also from Heidelberg."

In February this year, Tsolakis trained with Heidelberg for the first time. That can be nerve-racking, especially if senior players jealously protect their spots. But when the top of your head reaches Kotzamis's knees, at face value at least, you don't pose much of a threat to established players.

"I already knew Steve Tasos, John Gabrielson and Nick Deligiannis so that made fitting in a lot easier. It was still hard at the start because I was a bit nervous but after I had played a few games I think other players accepted me."

It may surprise some readers to learn that Tsolakis thinks that senior Third Division soccer is faster than Youth League soccer. Yet he found a much higher skill level in the Youth League.

Tsolakis isn't inhibited by his diminutive frame. Nevertheless, he's going to build himself up with weights throughout the summer and there's no trouble about finding the time to do so.

"I'm unemployed which isn't good but I've been looking for a job for a while. I've got my HSC (Higher School Certificate) with maths, English and business studies as my highest marks. I'm on the lookout for a clerical job but they're not that easy to find."

The reservoir of talent at Port Melbourne is far from dry. Tsolakis predicts a big future for current Port midfielder John Kostopoulos who also coaches South Melbourne Hellas under 12's.

"John's got unbelievable skill and he easily could play at a much higher level."

There's also more talent in the Tsolakis family. Spiros Tsolakis plays with Kew Park Rangers and no doubt dreams of one day following in his older brother's footsteps.



● Paul Shillabeer

## Shillabeer: another champion

By  
MICHELANGELO  
RUCCI

The South Australian west coast fishing town of Port Lincoln has spawned another champion. Towering giant Dean Lukin ascended the world by becoming the first Australian weightlifter to capture Olympic gold and last week Paul Shillabeer brought further fame to Port Lincoln by winning the SA Rothmans Gold Medal.

As a 10-year-old Shillabeer would sneak across the road at Port Lincoln to play soccer with his older brother Peter, and in 1974, his last year in his home town, he joined the fledgling Pier United Club.

The next year he moved to Adelaide and his natural soccer talents were nearly lost to Australian football at Killara College.

"I played Australian Rules there when I was 11 in the under-14 team so I was a bit small," Shillabeer said this week.

"There was a soccer team for my age group so I quit football. I chose soccer only because everyone was so much bigger than me for my age group in football and I enjoyed playing soccer more."

"It all started on a school basis and I've never looked back at football."

Shillabeer, 22, on Sunday, joined Adelaide Juventus as an under-15 player in 1980 and under the guidance of former coach John Perin he broke into NSL ranks in 1982 and played 43 games, mostly as right back.

Perin is one of two coaches who have had the greatest influence on Shillabeer's career.

The other is former Beograd-Woodville boss Uros Zivkovic who helped Shillabeer pick up his confidence after he had been discarded by Adelaide Juventus.

Shillabeer, a clerk at the Woodville Spastic Centre, still wants to return to NSL ranks but not until after he settles in married life next year with his fiancée Christine.

"I don't want Christine to be a soccer bride early in our marriage," Shillabeer said. Shillabeer won the Rothmans Medal with 27 votes — one vote ahead of Para Hills captain Laurie Humphreys.

"I really didn't give myself a chance to win it," he said. "Beograd has so many good players I thought would poll well. Chris Miller, Brian Welsh and Richard Preston are exceptional players and better than State league standard. I expected them to do better than they did and take votes from me."

# Arnold Langer — club bosses make me sick!

By CRAIG MAC KENZIE

"I'm tired. It's getting me down, all this talk about changing the National League format. I worry about it night and day. Maybe I'll take a break next year."

That's not the Arnold Langer I once knew, the dynamic, hard-hitting former VSF treasurer once eagerly awaiting the challenge of a coming season and planning shrewdly for another Green Gully assault on the championship.

"I don't even bother going to the delegates' meetings anymore. I'm sick of hearing the same old subject over and over again — what format should the National League adopt next year?"

There now is a strong reminiscent tone to Langer's words and his thoughts often return to Green Gully's halcyon days in the Victorian State League in 1981, 82 and 83.

"It's so much easier in the State League. You haven't got even half the worries. The way I feel right now, I'm just about on my last legs. It costs at least \$300,000 a year to stay in the National League which means that every club operates in the red."

But Langer isn't advocating a return to state-based Super Leagues. He's not in the business of saying what the National League should or shouldn't do and club presidents who flock to newspapers with their views of what format should be adopted next year have made Langer a bitter man.

"We're killing the league ourselves, we administrators who won't give a format a chance to settle. I can't make sense of all this talk. When Green Gully entered the National League at the end of 1983 all we ever heard in the Sydney City was nothing for the league because they've only got a couple of supporters. Now those same people who said that are trying to tell me that they want to have Sydney City in their league. What's going on? Can someone please tell me?"

"If I was to approach a coach or a player and ask him to join Green Gully he wouldn't be able to make up his mind because he doesn't know if Green Gully will be in the National League next year or not."

"Before we kick a ball, we listen to some club president slamming the format. A week after the present format was adopted for the 1984 season, some club presidents attacked it. It makes me sick. Why can't people just keep their mouths shut and try and make the best out of what we've got?"

At the centre of the wrangle over the NSL format lie two clubs — Brisbane Lions and Brisbane City. Just as the Oceania region has become the dumping ground for F.I.F.A.'s problem child, so the Southern Division has become the dumping ground for the two Queensland clubs spurned by almost every other club in the NSL.

"I don't want the Queensland clubs in our league but then what can we do? Just kick them out? That's simply not fair. The NSW clubs are okay in their cushy little league and they don't want the Queensland clubs either. Clubs like South Melbourne Hellas and Brunswick Juventus have short memories. Hellas was lucky not to be kicked out of the National League in 1979 when they finished last and Juventus can thank me and Frank Burin for not being relegated from State League in 1981. Now Hellas and Juventus want to form one league and forget about 10 clubs which have fought hard to get where they are."

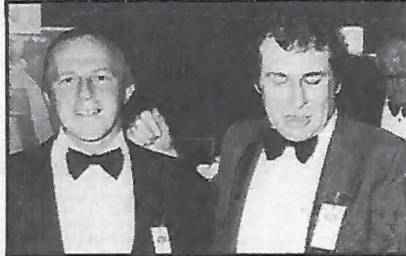
Langer and Burin were on the VSF board of management when Ringwood Wilhelmia lost points for allegedly playing an ineligible player, Brian Sinclair, in 1981. As a result of investigation into the incident, Juventus won points which pushed them clear of the relegation zone. Under threat of legal action from Wilhelmia however, the league was revamped and became a 14-team competition instead of 12.

Most NSL club administrators lament the drop in attendances and are using their suggested format of one 14-team league as a way to bring fans back to games. Langer thinks that they're wasting their time.

"There are no big crowds left in soccer. In the next 10 years we'll probably lose another 25 percent of our ethnic support but there's nothing that can be done to reverse that trend, nothing at all. I've kept statistics on attendances at VFL games and overall they're down by 35 percent from last year. Ringwood, one of the best supported teams in Australian Rules football, has suffered an attendance drop of almost 50 percent this year. All we can hope for in soccer is to keep the fans we have but that's going to be really hard."

"There are four major problems in Australian soccer. The most important is that it costs too much for the sort of spectacle dished up. I've lost count of the people who have told me that, ordinary fans who once went to games every week and who have been driven away by the \$6 entry fee. The second problem is our lack of comfortable facilities. Third comes our new attitude in competing. We no longer play to win at all cost — now we play not to lose at all cost. And the fourth big problem is that every year, clubs say that the NSL format must be changed which confuses everyone involved in Australian soccer and turns people away from the game."

Is it any wonder that the National League no longer is the pinnacle of every club's aspirations?



● Arnold Langer (left) and Frank Burin



● Bennie Docherty, scoring for Juventus against Hakoah in 1970.

## Not another move, Bennie!

SOCCER veteran Bennie Docherty has just completed his record breaking 26th plus transfer — and has become a player-manager for the first time.

The 44-year-old meat factory worker has played all over the world. His talents have been utilised by clubs like Celtic, Notts County, and the Australian high-flyer Juventus.

Bennie is a former Bath City and Trowbridge Town player, and these days he is more at home in the West Country on the Wiltshire

circus. His latest appointment is in charge of Trowbridge-based Unigate, who play in Division Three of the Trowbridge and District League.

The super-fit player has just completed in the Chippenham half marathon and intends to take part in the next London marathon.

"I want to build a real super-fit, strong team," said Bennie from his home, in Westmead Crescent, Trowbridge. "I am out and about talent spotting, and anyone who is over 16 and would like a trial should contact me."

This is a great challenge which I have been happy to accept. I know that this will not be a super-fit team, but a really happy one as well," he said.

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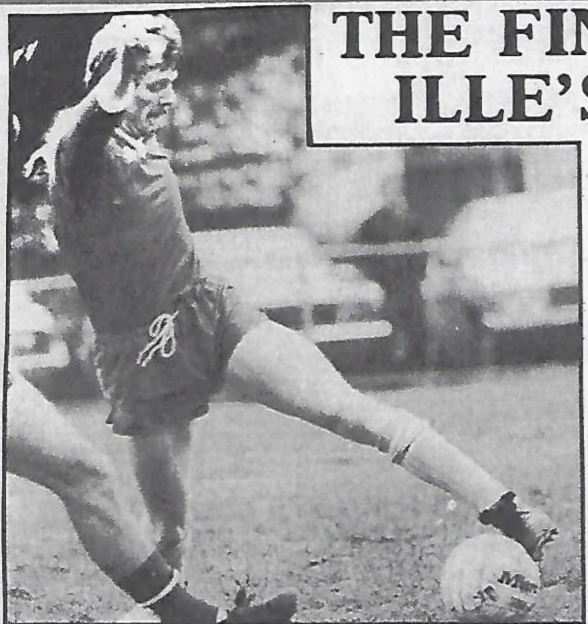
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## THE FINAL NAIL IN ILLE'S COFFIN?

**FRANKSTON PINES 3** (Thomas 22nd, Dick 90th, 115th) **FOOTSCRAY JUST 2** (Lazopoulos 13th, 58th). First game of a double header at Connor Reserve. Attendance: 500 (estimate). Referee: Zoumou 6.

**FRANKSTON PINES:** Janssen 6, Watson 6, Nelson 6, Thurlow 6, Ferris 6, P. Hennessey 91st, Cooke 6, Ross 6, J. Cumming 91st, J. Cullen 6 — Thomas 7, Webster 7, Dick 8. Coach: Danny McMinimie.

**FOOTSCRAY JUST:** Vojnic 5 — Brkic 4, Barjakovic 4, Lujic 5, Karic 8, Lopatic 4 (Nedelkovski 46th 4) — Tapai 6, Perez-Regiosa 5, O'Donnell 5 — Lazopoulos 5, Belic 4. Coach: Rocco Ille.

Those in the know already have started suggesting that this defeat ruled out any chances that Rocco Ille had of retaining the coaching position at Footscray J.U.S.T. regardless of where the club will be playing next year.

**Man of the match:**  
**TOM KARIC**  
(Foot JUST)

And this reverse will have done very little for the club's claim that it should be included in the National League — even if it is reduced to 14 clubs — because of its standing as the strongest Yugoslav backed club.

JUST went into this game with two newcomers in full-backs Alex Brkic and Igor Lopatic. Goalkeeper Zoran Vojnic had made one NSL appearance.

They replaced veteran goalkeeper Dennis Boland, Don MacLeod and Kyri Kyriakoulas who were suspended and Joe Carroll who was omitted.

The side took a 13th minute



Peter Desira

## Murray slams NSL and VSF

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA 6** (Lane 14th, Cole 46th, 91st, McMillan 49th, Gagic 74th, 90th) **RINGWOOD CITY WILHELMINA 1** (Storm 59th). Second game of a double header at Connor Reserve. Attendance: 500 (estimate). Referee: Mateski 7.

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA:** Trainados 6 (Lee 54th), Petrovski 6, McMillan 7, Piculovski 5, Heys 6 (Atanasovski 33rd) — Opatinas 6, Iliiski 6, Petrov 6 — Gagic 6, Cole 6, Lane 7. Coach: Bill Murray.

**RINGWOOD WILHELMINA:** Kasimis 3, Haupt 4, Shannon 4, Bakker 4, Verniers 4, Storm 4, Wandimu 4 (Kebede 76th), Burton 5, Stewart 5, Hoogland 4 (Carmichael 67th), Corke 4. Coach: Bill Curran.

Preston Makedonia coach Bill Murray has called for the Victorian Soccer Federation and the National League to organise the season better and give club administrators and players a chance to get the game in order.

"Most of the players started training for this season in January and Makedonia officials have been hard at it since well before then," said Murray.

"The way it's looking at the moment, the season won't finish for us until the end of October and in the case of the top four State League clubs it will go on even longer into the middle of November."

"When you consider that most NSL players will have to get back into pre-season training in December it turns out to be a very long season."

"At the moment it seems like a never ending expansion of the playing season."

"The NSL and the VSF have got to get together to make the program tighter — the gaps in between competitions become a drag for the players."

This Ricoh Dockerty Cup involvement is being looked upon by some NSL clubs as an unnecessary evil and the supporters are getting little value for their \$6 outlay, in spite of being treated to double headers, simply because some sides are not at full strength.

Makedonia was without Steve Smith and Ian Dobson (both injured), Robbie Dunn (who is away with the Socceroos) and Warren Spink who was injured and has decided to try his luck in England in December.

Taking all that into account, and the handful of supporters that these two matches attracted to Connor Reserve, Murray called the possibility of the VSF passing up the chance to stage the World Cup tie between Australia and Taiwan at Olympic Park on October 27 because it clashes with the Dockerty Cup final, the "height of insanity".

**Man of the match:**  
**SEAN LANE**  
(Makedonia)

"The World Cup game will be a big drawcard and we should grab the chance," Murray said.

The cup tie itself was a non-event with Makedonia taking a 14th minute lead then turning the second half into a romp.

Murray even could afford to take off goalkeeper Phil Trainados and replace him with young understudy Stuart Lee early in the second half.

Lee had an uncertain start and his first touch of the ball was picking it out of the back of the net after his former Ringwood Wilhelmmina teammate Kees Storm hit a freekick past the defensive wall.

That made the result 3-1 but it turned out to be a minor hiccup with Gary Cole and Sean Lane getting acres of room to increase the score and netting two goals in the final minute of play.

Wilhelmina goalkeeper Charlie Kasimis had a nightmare match giving away the first goal and then his uncertain handling contributing to others as the match wore on.

Kasimis was unable to hold a shot from the edge of the box from Ljube Petrovski and Lane was on hand to slot the loose ball home to give Makedonia the lead.

Cole put the result beyond doubt in the first minute of the second half running out a pass from Lane and then hitting his shot through the keeper's legs.

Centreback George McMillan got into the scoring act in the 49th minute running on to the rebound of a shot from Con Opatinas to net the third.

After the Storm goal, Cole was given another breakthrough opportunity from Lane but stumbled over the ball and was caught by the retreating defence.

The fourth goal came from a George Petrov corner with the keeper dropping the ball and George Gagic on hand to scoop up the crumbs.

The two goals in the final minute came with Petrovski crossing the ball from the right for Gagic to hook it home and then Cole added his second just as referee Mateski was getting ready to blow the final whistle to end Wilhelmmina's misery.

## Branov to step down

John Branov's seven-year reign as president of Preston Makedonia will end in November. Branov will not be standing for re-election at the club's annual general meeting.

His decision comes as a bodyblow to the club, for it was Branov who introduced administrative stability and a high level of expertise to Makedonia.

During his reign, Makedonia won the Victorian State League championship and established itself as a force in the National League, reaching both the National Cup final and the Southern Division grand final this year.

"I've been around long enough and it's time that someone else took over. Things have become stagnant and people are taking it for granted that John Branov will take care of whatever crops up," said Branov.

"Having said that, I have no intentions of turning my back on the club and if people want to use my expertise, I'll be only too willing to help."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

## MARRAMA PREVENTS AVALANCHE

**MELBOURNE-CROATIA 2** (Ljubic 37th, Ward Penalty 62nd) **EAST BRUNSWICK 0**. First game of a double header at Olympic Park No. 1.

**MELBOURNE-CROATIA:** Govic 7 — Dancovic 7, Hanneh 7, Division 7, Kotzschalis 6 (Curcio 62nd) — Ljubic 8, Gajovic 7, Cristallo 7, Biskic 7 — Ward 7, Markovic 6 (House half time 7). Coach: Dom Kapetanovic.

**EAST BRUNSWICK:** Marrama 8 — Roccioletti 7, Savio 7, Romano 7, Dimerco 6 — Lepore 7, Brantano 6 (Eyr 67th), Stojcicki 6 (Montesano half time 7), Traficanto 7 — Patsakos 6, Bazani 7. Coach: Ange Ktenas.

Although the end result was never really in doubt, Fourth Division East Brunswick acquitted itself well and made Croatia work hard for its victory.

Pat Marrama had an outstanding game, and produced some exceptional saves in what appeared to be checkmate situations.

Generally, East Brunswick looked quite solid in defence but in midfield was unable to hold the ball and its attacks were mainly confined to individual efforts.

Croatia's superior fitness was also an important factor and as the

game progressed, the tempo set by the N.S.L. side proved to be much for East Brunswick and only desperate last-line defence by Robert Savio, Paul Romano and inspired goalkeeping by Marrama prevented an avalanche of goals.

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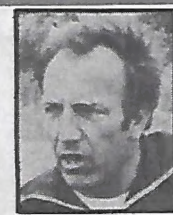
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Joe Sweeney grabbed a hat-trick, Rob Cullen was on the boil, the Juve midfield was at its creative best, and its backline contained the sporadic Suburbs attacks with ease.

Only Bobby McGuinness and Ted Stenson looked the part on occasions in a team generally outclassed by a much better equipped opponent.

Sweeney opened the scoring in the 11th minute when he ran onto Richard Miranda's pass and cleverly lobbed the advancing Nick Apostolitis.

In the 13th minute Apostolitis saved well from Miranda and a few minutes later a Darren Tuck cross caused some concern at the other end but Sean Keogh denied McGuinness, saving his shot from 10 metres.



• Rocco Ille

lead when Bill Lazopoulos met a short freekick and headed down past Rick Janssen.

But Pines took advantage of a mistake by Rade Barjakovic — moved from fullback to a central defensive position for the match — with Ray Thomas intercepting an attempted clearance and hitting the ball home.

A worse mistake at the other end regained the lead for JUST 13 minutes into the second half.

This time Rob Nelson's attempted backpass went straight through Janssen's legs and presented Lazopoulos with the simple task of running in to hit home into an empty net.

JUST appeared well in control and Ariel PerezRegiosa had two shots saved while Lazopoulos missed an easy scoring chance.

But Pines had their share of scoring chances especially in a goalmouth melee where both Thomas and Stan Webster could have equalised.

Just when the tie seemed over and done with, Pines conjured up an equaliser in the last minute of normal time with Ally Dick hitting in a corner from the right.

JUST had taken the luxury of switching Zdravko Lujic to the sweeper's position early in the game and playing with five at the back.

Pines, with two fresh men, always looked the more likely to score in extra time and it came as no surprise when Dick ran onto a through pass and lobbed the ball over Vojnic for the winner.

Earlier, Dick had made another breakthrough but was tackled in the nick of time by Brkic.

While this will go down as a shock result, Pines are unlikely to be given as much room up front by Preston Makedonia when they meet in the quarter-finals this weekend.

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**GREEN GULLY 3** (Lucchesi 65th, Lewis pen 76th) **SPRINGVALE CITY 1** double-header at Green Gully Reserve about 1000. Referee: Jim

**GREEN GULLY:** Denys 7 — Mun McLellan 7, Hogben 6 — Cumming Vassallo 6, Williams 6 — Lewis 5, Li Steve Short.

**SPRINGVALE CITY:** Mur 7 — Adn Luyten 5 — Bannon 5, Bentley 6, 1 76th, Fitzpatrick 5 — Nelson 7, 1 (Simon 81st). Coach: Bobby McLachli

Tommy Cumming turned on a eye-catching performance that Gully up through the ranks at from Croatia — and you had to feel Tom Fitzpatrick every time he fi

In the 21st minute, for example, C zpatrick the wrong way three times in left the full back sprawled on the grou the far post.

Four minutes later, Cumming was zpatrick again. The full back hopped the other as he jockeyed nervously, ex ned at one time. Instead, Cumming sl to Claude Lucchesi who turned and fi Perry Mur who saved well.

Cumming was active at both ends before half time, Springvale took its fi ing in a dangerous header by forme Jim Nelson, but Cumming was on the clear!

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## turns again



Laurie Schwab



Green Gully's Steve McLelland.

goal No 2, effectively killing off any chance of a Springvale comeback.

Even so, Springvale should have pushed a few more men forward. What good was it to defend a deficit? The final goal came in the 78th minute. Fitzpatrick fouled Lewis, and Lewis himself converted the spot kick.

Such was Green Gully's superiority that it had 14 scoring attempts to Springvale's five, and also nine corners to three.

Springvale tried man-marking all over the ground, with Vogel on Luchesi, Luyten on Lewis, Bannan on Williams, Fitzpatrick on Cumming and Bentley and Luca in the middle against Smallman and Vassallo.

Green Gully did all of the playing, Springvale all of the chasing. Nelson however, deserves praise for his bravado and enthusiasm in Springvale's attack. Green Gully lined up without Stuart Cannell (suspended), George Campbell and Fab Barichello (injured). Barichello, voted Green Gully's youth Player of the Year, was to have had his first senior match.

Green Gully spent a lot of time practicing short corners, which became extremely tedious after a while. Springvale had the first good scoring chance when Dave Hogben failed to cut out a nice through ball from David Luca before it could reach Nelson on the run. Nelson however, shot too early, and across goal, when he could have run right into the penalty area.

Nelson threatened again when the score was still 0-0. He took advantage of an unwise back-pass by a Green Gully defender and ran towards Denys at an acute angle. Denys closed him down, got a hand to the ball low, and finally gathered it in with help from McLelland.

## Zahra's in, Borg's out, Culina's Rothmans?

**SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 4 (Gilder 5th, Latif 49th, 52nd, 87th) ST ALBANS DINAMO 2 (Morovic 30th, Brkijacic 43rd).** Second game of a double-header at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: about 1000. Referee: Jim Fokianos. 8. Cautions: Taylor (GC).

**SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS:** Kastner 6 - James 6, Scerri 5, Bennett 6, Taylor 5 (Campbell 65th), Mitten 6, Bain 5, Faulkner 5, Lennon 6 - Gilder 7, Latif 8. Coach: John Gardiner.

**ST ALBANS DINAMO:** M Grbic 5 - Ramljak 6, Pozar 5, S Grbic 5, Kustum 5 (Rastocic 69th), Bozic 5, Brkijacic 7, Culina 6, Desic 6 - Batonic 5, Morovic 6. Coach: Tony Vrzina.

All Zahra has succeeded John Borg as club president of George Cross and Branko Culina may be headed for a Rothmans Medal after two years of disappointment.

Zahra was elected on Sunday to replace Borg, who is off to Malta to get married.

Scott Frew is vice-president, John Gibson secretary, and Mike Gamble treasurer. The committee meets coach John Gardiner this week to determine whether he will stay on or join Green Gully.

Culina, although hampered by injury, caught the eye with a couple of flashy runs, and especially with a world-class free kick which led to Dinamo's first goal.

Culina finished second in the Victorian Rothmans Medal in 1984 and 1983, but may break the ice on Friday night when the 1985 winner is announced at the Southern Cross Hotel.

With the score at 1-1, St Albans Dinamo was awarded a free kick on the left in the 43rd minute. Culina sent it curving in the most brilliant Brazilian fashion, onto the crossbar. The ball bounced out and was played in again to Zdenko Brkijacic who scored at close range to give St Albans a shock 2-1 lead at half time.

Culina, formerly of Blacktown City, Sydney Croatia and Melbourne Croatia, is one of those players who invariably catches the eye because of their ability to do the unexpected and the spectacular.

That quality will have won him many referees' votes, but he'll no doubt be hard pushed for the Rothmans Medal by the likes of Stan Webster (Frankston Pines), Alex Livingston (Croydon), Jim MacLean (Morwell Falcons), Andy Hughes (Box Hill), Joe Palinkas (Fawkner) and Keith Adams (Springvale).

Meanwhile, Ossie Latif notched three goals against St Albans - including one scored with a breathtaking overhead kick - to bring his season's tally to 21. That total comprises 11 in the NSL, three in the National Cup, four in the Buffalo Gold Cup and three in the Rich Dockerty Cup.

Charlie Egan of SM-Heilas scored 22 this year, but with Heilas now out of the Dockerty Cup, Latif is poised to overtake him.

It was Latif's second-half scoring burst that swung the game George Cross's way on Sunday, but Dinamo's ineptness during this period also contributed. Dinamo had looked promising before the break, but in the second half, George Cross forced nine corners to two, and had seven attempts at goal, compared with two by Dinamo.

Overall, the statistics were: scoring attempts: 15-9; corners: 10-3.

But it was by no means a good performance by George Cross!

Perhaps the players started taking it easy after Gilder had steered a cross from Mark Lennon in to the net in the 5th minute. Roger Bain headed across goal from a cross by Noel Mitten shortly afterwards, but then Dinamo started to threaten.

Giant Dennis Morovic latched onto a back-pass from a George Cross defender, and was left all alone to run at the goal. Lou Kastner was coming out, the goal was at Morovic's mercy, but he missed!

Lennon and Gilder had narrow misses for George Cross, and right back Tyrone James was showing us his skills as he moved forward on

Man of the match: OSSIE LATIF (Geo. Cross)



Alf Zahra

the flank, but against the run of play, Dinamo equalised in the 30th minute. Morovic chased a long, bouncing ball, and his height enabled him to get his head to the ball above Kastner, and head it in.

Shortly afterwards, Morovic headed a corner from Brkijacic over the bar, and George Cross coach John Gardiner reacted by moving James from

right back into the middle to mark Morovic. That deprived us of James' attacking play. Dinamo centre back Gordon Pozar surged forward in a Herculean run past tackles galore, and left Bain in his wake, but Morovic just failed to reach Pozar's final pass. To Pozar's detriment, however, his direct opponent, Latif, was to go on and score a hat-trick.

Culina went on a dashing run, skipping stylishly past a tackle but seeing his low shot saved by Kastner, before he set up Dinamo's second goal for Brkijacic two minutes before the break.

But any hopes the Croatian fans of St Albans Dinamo had of an upset result were dashed four minutes after the interval when Latif headed home a cross from Mitten.

Three minutes later, after a cross by Lennon from the right, Latif put George Cross ahead with that brilliant overhead shot.

Morovic started limping noticeably shortly after half time, and he was thus much less effective.

Morovic however, threatened the goal again on a bad back-pass from James in the 67th minute. James, to his credit, recovered, chased Morovic and got in a decisive tackle. Ned Batonic, however, look over and looked like finishing the move, until challenged by Steve Scerri. George Cross made the final score 4-2 three minutes from the end. Jeff Faulkner took a corner on the left, Gilder headed goalwards and Latif got the final touch.



George Cross ace Ossie Latif - his goals sunk St Albans Dinamo.

## This week's Cup games

• This weekend's Victorian cup matches with likely winners in capitals:

**VICTORIAN LEAGUE CUP QUARTER FINALS**  
Saturday: Kellor Austria v ALTONA CITY; MELBOURNE v Dandenong City; CLIFTON HILL v Yarraville; ROSANNA v Mooroolbark.

**HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP QUARTER FINALS**  
Saturday: Caulfield City v BOX HILL; Western Suburbs v SPRINGVALE CITY; DOVETON v KNOX CITY; FAWKNER v Springvale United.

**PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP QUARTER FINALS**  
Saturday: CENTRAL CITY v Pascoe Vale; Williamstown bye; St Kilda v SEAFORD UNITED; NUNAWADING UNITED v West Brunswick.

**PROVISIONAL RESERVES CUP QUARTER FINALS**  
Saturday: Mossfield Rangers v CLARINDA; Mitcham v NORTH SUNSHINE; Monbulk v PASCOE VALE; South Springvale v IVANHOE CITY.

**AMATEUR LEAGUE CUP**  
Sunday: MACCABI v Northern Suburbs; EAST ALTONA v Vermont; EPPING THISTLE v Diggers Rest; CONCORDE v Old Scotch; East Richmond v WAVERLEY UNITED; Yarra Bend v YARRA UNITED; Melbourne University v OAKLEIGH UNITED; Diamond Valley bye.

**AMATEUR RESERVES CUP**  
Sunday: BALWYN CITY v Phillip Institute; Yarra United v DIAMOND VALLEY; EAST ALTONA v Melbourne University; RINGWOOD ROVERS v Maccabi; WAVERLEY UNITED v Epping Thistle; Yarra Bend bye; Eagles United bye.

## SCORES

**VICTORIAN LEAGUE CUP**  
Altona City 2 Holland Park 1; Clifton Hill 3 Yellow 1; Dandenong City 2 North Geelong 0; Kellor Austria 2 Sunbury 0; Melbourne 2 Waverley City 1; Mooroolbark 3 Broadmeadows 0; Moreland 0 Rosanna 2; Yarraville 2 Essendon Triestina 2 after extra time, Yarraville won 7-6 on penalties.

**HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP**  
Ardeer 1 Doveton 3; Caulfield City 4 St Albans Dinamo 1; Fawkner 4 Geelong 1; Frankston Pines 1 Springvale City 4; Knox City 4 Hamlyn Rangers 3; Springvale Utd 2 Lalor Utd 2 after extra time, Springvale Utd won 6-5 on penalties; Western Suburbs 4 Dandenong City 1; Box Hill 7 Albion Turk Gucu 1.

**PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP**  
Central City 0 West Meadows 0 after extra time, Central City won 5-4 on penalties; East Geelong 0 Pascoe Vale 2; Ivanhoe City 1 Williamstown 1 after extra time, Williamstown won 4-2 on penalties; Nunawading Utd 2 Mulgrave 1 after extra time; Seaford Utd 2 Hawthorn 1 after extra time; St Kilda 3 Geelong Utd 2; West Brunswick 0.

**PROVISIONAL RESERVES CUP**  
Carrum Utd 1 Clarinda 8; Fitzroy City 3 Mitcham Utd 4; Mossfield Rangers 3 Hawthorn 1; Pascoe Vale 2 Central City 1 Seaford Utd 1 Nth Sunshine 2; South Yarra 3 Ivanhoe City 4; Monbulk 2 Dingley 1.

## BREEZE JUVENTUS



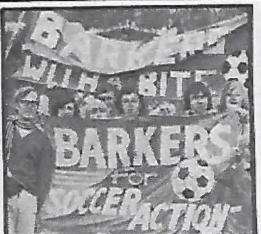
• Juventus striker Joe Sweeney - scored a hat-trick in his side's convincing 5-1 win over Western Suburbs.

the scoring with a well placed shot from 16 metres after a pass by Joe Palatides. In the closing minutes

McGuinness shot past the post following a strong run and In-cantalupo rattled the woodwork with a curling shot.



• TOP: Barry Horsfall and ABOVE (left) John Sanchez, both stars of George Cross in the sixties. They were opposing coaches at the weekend.



• The signs tell the story. Once in the NSL, Mooroolbark tumbled but is fighting back strongly.

## BARKERS MAUL MEADOWS

MOOROOLBARK 3 (Page 25th, Klepac 50th, Gurney 80th) BROADMEADOWS 0. Victorian League Cup match at Esther Park, Saturday. Referee: Maumont 7.

**MOOROOLBARK:** Scanlon 9, D. Reid 7, Caddie 7, Brack 6, Cubitt 7 (inj. Papas N.T. 7), Pentland 7, Gurney 8, Stones 7, Mantel 9, Klepac 8, Page 8 (Tattersall 75th). Coach: Barry Horsfall.

**BROADMEADOWS:** McRae 6 (Grach 52nd, 6), Smart 6, Center 8, Donaldson 7, Viazini 7, Daza 7, Blair 8, Watson 7, Perkin (inj. Sacco 14th, 7), Vaccaro 9, Griffiths 8. Coach: John Sanchez.

In what can best be described as a David and Goliath encounter between sides coached by former George Cross team mates Barry Horsfall and John Sanchez, it was Horsfall's young Mooroolbark outfit which triumphed and caused a major upset in the 1985 Victorian League Cup.

Mooroolbark opened its account in the 25th minute when Dave Klepac got onto a through ball, shrugged off Grant Smart's challenge, rounded Tony Carter, then set up Colin Page whose volley beat Rob McRae.

Mooroolbark went further ahead in the 50th minute when McRae misjudged a bouncing ball, giving Klepac the chance to knock it into the unguarded goal.

Scanlon was put to the test three times in as many minutes but was impassable and in the 80th minute the contest was put well out of Broadmeadows' reach.

A Klepac cross from the right was laid back into the path of Mooroolbark captain Ray Gurney who made no mistake with his shot and it was 3-0.



## THE 1985 RICOH DOCKERTY CUP



● George Christopoulos (right) of Heidelberg and Croydon striker Graham French, preparing for an aerial duel. French scored in Croydon's 2-1 win. Pictures: LES SHOR-ROCK.

## Croydon stakes a strong NSL claim

CROYDON 2 (Ollerton 32nd, French 35th) HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 1 (Metaxas 46th). First game of a double header at Middle Park, Sunday. Crowd: about 300. Cautions: Kerr (C), Katsakidis (H). Referee: Brickell 6 (inj. Deak 65th).

CROYDON: Whiteside 7 — Brown 7, Taylor 7, Bates 7, Tansley 7 — Kerr 7, Beech 7, Livingstone 8 — Ollerton 8, French 8, Heidelberg ALEXANDER: Legoulis 5 — McKie 7, Gabrielson 6, Christopoulos 5, Katsakis 7 — Marley 6, Katsakidis 6, Tasios 6 (Theoharou 85th) — Metaxas 6 (Deligiannis 85th), Solomidis 6, Tsolakis 8. Coach: Brian Garvey.

"Are we good enough for the bloody National League now?"

That's what one Croydon fan yelled to me after this match. Another slammed "Soccer Action" for not giving Croydon much publicity this year which staggered me and will disappoint our contributor John Wallace.

The rhetorical question thrown up by the first fan has

some merit. No doubt this result has given credibility to Croydon's quest for NSL inclusion albeit that it was achieved against a depleted Heidelberg team.

Charlie Yankes and Jeff Oliver were unavailable due to national team commitments, Stuart Stevenson, who is rumored to be the target of West Adelaide Hellas, was set with a knee injury, Joe Angele also

was injured while Scott Patterson, Micky Valentine and Stevie Winn are on the outer at Heidelberg. But that takes little gloss off Croydon's achievement and in the end, the 1985 Victorian State League champion was a most worthy victor.

Croydon was the better football team throughout the first half and deserved its 2-0 lead at the interval.

In the 12th minute, player-coach Peter Ollerton got on to the end of a long ball bouncing just outside the Heidelberg area but struck his first time attempt well wide and five minutes later that little dynamo Peter Tsolakis drove a low free kick inches past the post.

Croydon was worrying the Heidelberg defence in the air and young goalkeeper Nick Lagoulis wasn't attacking high balls confidently. In the 20th minute, Alex Livingstone crossed but Dave Brogan's header was wide and within a minute, Graham French almost scored.

Brogan won the ball just outside the Heidelberg area and slipped it forward to French whose shot was blocked by Ian McKie.

Steve Marley, playing in midfield, miscued with a shot a few minutes later. George Christopoulos had moved up from his sweeper's spot and was offside by a mile. Play was waved on but Billy Whiteside did well to get to the ball before Christopoulos could poke it in.

Alan Kerr was unlucky not to score in the 29th minute as Croydon's aerial threat escalated. A long free kick by Kenny Taylor was headed on by Ollerton and a looping Kerr header at the far post sent the ball sailing just over the bar.

Three minutes later Ollerton scored a gem of a goal. Gary Bates was fouled just outside the Heidelberg area when going for a header. It looked as though Jim Tansley was preparing to drive the free kick but Ollerton suddenly strode up and curled it into the near corner.

Croydon fans barely had settled back into their seats when French prompted them to rise and cheer once more. In the 35th minute, Bates played a long ball over the top as Heidelberg tried to push out and spring the offside play. The ball fell right in front of French who amazingly was unmarked and he made Heidelberg pay for its defensive ineptitude when he used his body well to fend off Christopoulos before slotting the ball past Lagoulis and into the far corner.

A minute into the second half, Heidelberg hit back, heralding a period of intense pressure by the National League outfit. A firm shot from John Metaxas, following Croydon's inability to clear a cross from the left by Chris Katsakidis, made it 2-1 and Heidelberg, with Tsolakis buzzing about, strove hard for the equaliser.

In the 50th minute, McKie played the ball to Steve Tasios on the right of the Croydon area. Tasios turned superbly then drove in a firm shot but straight at Whiteside who handled it with ease.

Three minutes later, Whiteside didn't find it so easy to



Craig Mackenzie

**Man of the match:**  
**PETER TSOLAKIS**  
(Heidelberg)

handle a stinging 20-metre drive from Tsolakis. Nevertheless, Whiteside got his fingertips to the ball, deflecting it on to the near post.

Ollerton's attempted pass down the right wing in the 58th minute was blocked and the rebound sent Metaxas scotching clear. Ollerton did well to chase back and was rewarded when Metaxas, instead of continuing his run toward goal, stopped, came back inside Ollerton, then shot wildly, sending the ball well wide of the far post.

Marley blew two good chances to level with goals which went over the bar and the tide slowly was turning as Heidelberg threw caution out the window and pushed forward in droves, leaving itself open to the break.

Croydon created three great chances to put Heidelberg out of its misery, but missed them all.

Livingstone played the ball to French, wide on the right, then took off further afield and was well positioned for a return pass. French had other ideas, curling over a far post cross which tempted Lagoulis to come off his line. Lagoulis didn't come all the way however, and suddenly Ollerton was left with a free header which must have taken him by surprise for instead of picking his spot and powering the ball home, he headed down in front of goal and Heidelberg cleared.

In the 87th minute, Heidelberg failed to clear a Taylor free kick. The ball fell tantalisingly in front of Kerr who blasted it well over from just six metres.

A great interchange between Livingstone and Ollerton in the 91st minute sent Ollerton clear, but Lagoulis smothered, sending the ball out for a corner and when that was swung across, Kerr headed over as the final whistle blew.



● Croydon winger Alex Livingstone (right) knocks the ball over the outstretched leg of Heidelberg's Steve Marley. Kenny Taylor of Croydon is in the background.

# Thank goodness Hellas is out!

**MORWELL FALCONS 2** (Athersych 72nd, Bruns 83rd) **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1** (Mitsou 65th). Second game of a double header at Middle Park, Sunday. Crowd: about 300. Referee: Bernie Upjohn 6.

**MORWELL FALCONS:** Blasby 6 — Bingham 8, Tull 8, Bruns 9 — Train 7, O'Callaghan 7, MacLean 8, E Cassar 8 — T. van Baar 5 (McGorian H.T. 8) Stirton 7, Athersych 8. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS:** Leumets 6 — Russell 7, Blair 7, Anozakis 6, Post-

"If our players wanted a holiday, they shouldn't have bothered turning up," said SM-Hellas president Jim Diamataris after his team's loss to Morwell Falcons.

"Having some players missing from the side was no excuse for the performance.

"This competition is almost 100 years old. It is one of the oldest and proudest competitions in the country. Hellas used to have big celebrations when we won it in the past.

"I am bitterly disappointed with the way our players treated this match."

— LAURIE SCHWAB

**ecoglou 7 — Kanousoulis 6, Halford 6, McDowell 6, Bozinovski 5 — Egan 6, Mitsou 6. Coach: Len McKendry.**

So South Melbourne Hellas bowed out of the Dockerty Cup. Big deal, say some members of the Hellas camp, the same people who slammed the Dockerty Cup and Hellas's presence in it.

This so-called Mickey Mouse Cup is the oldest of its kind in Australia and anyone with any feeling for tradition, rightly pays the Dockerty Cup the respect it deserves. The presence of Victoria's finest clubs is only fitting in this grand, old competition but what a pity some people at Hellas see fit to criticise a competition whose roots go back to 1909 and what a disgrace it was to watch some Hellas players simply going through the motions.

Frankly, I'm glad Hellas isn't in the Dockerty Cup anymore, just as glad as the knickers in the club but for a different reason. The knickers are pleased that the season is over. I'm pleased that the Dockerty Cup now will be given the respect it deserves by the remaining contestants.

Thankfully for both Hellas and Victorian soccer, a strong element at the club thinks that the Dockerty Cup is worth competing for and this element will prevail — it has to, it runs the club.

A couple of the younger, Hellas players know only too well that some of their established senior colleagues showed more than a merely questionable commitment against Morwell Falcons and these youngsters weren't happy about that.

No wonder Hellas fans stayed away from this match in their droves after having the clash criticised during its week-long build up. And for the handful of loyal fans who turned up there was little else except a simmering anger at their team's display.

This served as a backdrop to the response of the Morwell fans, making the contrast even sharper for the people who had travelled all the way from the Latrobe Valley hugged each other delightedly when referee Bernie Upjohn blew for full time.

And Morwell thoroughly deserved its moment of glory.

Russell Athersych's shot in the 21st minute and the fine parry by Peter Leumets were the main goalmouth incidents in a readily forgettable first half.

Time and again whenever Charlie Egan got possession he had three, four or five touches too many. That's not the Egan we see in National League or National Cup games, the Egan who should be playing for Australia. Not that he lost the ball by being over-elaborate, but never took advantage of playing it early and seemed to enjoy the little drag backs he indulged in out wide, giving Falcons plenty of time to get players behind the ball in numbers.

But all the lads worked hard and they proved what I've been saying all along. We've got the players to compete at a higher level."

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**Man of the match:**  
**EMIL BRUNS**  
(Morwell Falc.)



● Emil Bruns (left) just has scored Falcons' winning goal against Hellas and takes Ian Stirton for a piggyback ride. At right are Harry Bingham (No. 2) and Russel Athersych.

An upset didn't look on the cards when Theo Mitsou scored a soft goal in the 65th minute. Carl Halford drove the ball across from the left and Angle Postecoglou's diving header was blocked. The ball fell to Mitsou whose shot was deflected just out of the grasp of Peter Blasby who had been wrongfooted.

It looked like Hellas was going to get away with treating the match as little more than a training run.

Until Athersych scored a fine goal in the 72nd minute. Jim MacLean headed forward, Ian Stirton headed on and Athersych spun around on the left of the Hellas area and buried the ball with a firm drive into the top far corner.

Appropriately Emil Bruns nabbed the winner for what a great game the big man had. Seven minutes remained when little Effie Cassar took a corner on the right. Bruns rose well, only four metres out, and headed firmly into the roof of the net.

Falcons had tried to have a go at Hellas. They had lined up with three at the back, four in midfield and three up front, although one of the midfielders, Jim Train, made damn sure that he got back whenever Hellas went forward.

Cassar had a fine game out wide on the left against Bobby Russell, a man who never knows how to give in and who gives every game everything he's got, while Jim MacLean, especially in the second half, stood head and shoulders above every other midfielder.

Tony van Baar had been disappointing in the first half and was replaced by Mick McGorian at half time.

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## Grimwade best at Waverley

Terry Grimwade won Waverley City's best and fairest award for the second successive year. The presentation of this and other awards was made last Saturday night at Waverley's social club.

Grimwade showed versatility this season by alternating between midfield and the forward line, displaying great stamina wherever he played.

He was prominent in the Second Division this season, and could poll strongly in the league best and fairest award.

The runner-up for the first team best and fairest was defender Kyle Patterson.

In the reserve team award Santos Gabriel was victorious, with Mark Perree and Jim Chasoglous sharing second place.

Gabriel also won the Bob Houghton Memorial Award for the most promising junior in senior ranks.

Special awards made by club coaches went to Tommy Gamera in the first team and Casey Yamoaka in the reserves. Nick Fazzolari was named best suburban player.

Waverley City ended the season with a 2-1 loss to Melbourne in the Victorian League Cup. Tony Heery scored twice for Melbourne before Norm Wilcocks pulled one back for Waverley.

## Groenewald by eight

Nunawading City's annual presentation night last Friday saw Jonathan Groenewald a clear winner of the Best and Fairest award with 34 votes, eight clear of leading goalscorer Chris Middlemast.

Defender Steve Moyle was third in the voting.

Jonathan Groenewald joined Nunawading City at the start of the 1984 season as a full-back from Ferntree Gully, but since has been converted successfully into a midfielder, missing just two games in the past two seasons.

Chris Middlemast rejoined Nunawading at the start of the season after stints at Doveton and Doncaster Rovers. This season he scored 16 league and two cup goals and was the only over-present player during 1985.

Other award winners: Most Improved Player — Scott Neilies; President's Trophy — John Morgan; Players' Trophy — winner Robert Madjer, runner-up Steve Moyle; Reserves Best and Fairest — winner Peter Bailey, runner-up Andy Minton; Youth Team Best and Fairest — Peter Chiaravalle; Youth Team Most Improved Player — Mark Howells.

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## Match-fixing and how it's done

Corruption in soccer isn't new; neither is it confined to Hungary. However, during my week stay there, I heard and read so much about the 'goings on' behind the scenes that I started to wonder if the result of any match, at any level, could be taken on face value.

In the past few years there have been some highly public soccer scandals in Hungary, duly reported in this newspaper. It was earlier in 1985 that the big 'Toto Case' was wound up in court with the imprisonment of dozens of former players, club officials, coaches, referees and supporters.

But the bulk of these matches involved amateur and district teams, something like Hungary's 3rd and 4th divisions. Here a few smart manipulators had been buying and selling matches to fix the Soccer Pools results and pocket enormous dividends.

However, if one is to believe at least some of the wild stories and rumors, Hungary's first division is just as bent as its 4th.

Three recently published books — all in Hungary — by Robert Zsolt, Miklos Bocsak and Istvan Gorgenyi, devote several chapters to the sordid details of match fixings.

Naturally, all three books sold out in days; the public in Hungary is more hungry for scandals about soccer than for soccer itself.

Apparently it's fashionable to fix the results of matches according to the needs of the teams.

At the end of the 1984 season Tatabanya was in deep trouble and, with one round to go, could have been relegated.

In the last match it was to meet a rejuvenated Ferencvaros which, however, couldn't climb higher than 5th anyway — not enough for a UEFA Cup place.

So Tatabanya caused a 'big upset' and beat Ferencvaros 2-4 in Budapest — triggering off a huge riot by the cheated

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Hungarian captain Tibor Nyilasi — an uneasy conscience.

Ferencvaros fans who, on their way back to the city, tore to pieces several Metro carriages.

But Tatabanya was saved — and now, it seems, owe's two points to Ferencvaros, repayable when they're demanded.

According to many well-informed sources, the really corrupt 'stars' of Hungarian soccer are not the players but the officials from the lowly third division.

One club official, who wants to remain anonymous explained one of the favourite tricks.

"Suppose we need two points in our next match to win



Andrew Dettre

"The 200,000 forints (in purchasing power about \$10,000) is, of course, in cash, in a briefcase.

"Now, here comes the sting. If we do win the match, our club official will gloat that he has fixed the result and the money is accounted for.

"If we still lose, he will claim that the opponents wouldn't be part of the dirty deal — and he'll hand the money back.

"But, mind you: when we win — and we do win as often as we lose — the money stays in the pockets of our official, who never even offered it to the opponents.

"No wonder in most clubs there is a huge jostling for high positions, with everybody trying to get an occasional 'money run' for quick profit.

"We have many volunteer club officials in the third divisions (district league) who have become millionaires from these deals — and never ever offered a penny to the opponents: all they have done was to steal money from their own clubs."

With this type of atmosphere prevailing, it's small wonder that so many Hungarian fans openly claim that the result of the World Cup qualifier against Holland — 1-4 for Holland in Budapest — had been 'fixed'.

Hungary had by then qualified for Mexico — and with that win Holland edged ahead of Austria to occupy second place and earn the right for a play-off with Belgium.

Some rumors will have it that several 'key' players of Hungary had been bought by the Dutch while others seem to know that the game had been sold at an official level.

One thing is sure: captain Tibor Nyilasi didn't have the easiest of consciences after the game.

He delayed for two days his return to Vienna, where he plays for FK Austria-Wien, hoping that the suspicion and fury of the Viennese fans would fade somewhat.

Ah, to be in Europe again . .

## Fleming replaces Alston

John Fleming was appointed coach of Wollongong City last week.

Fleming, the most successful coach in the NSW State League for 1985, took Fairy Meadow to a runner-up spot in the League and runner-up in the Grand Final and has fine credentials.

After a 400-plus league career in England he played more than 100 league matches in the NSL, scoring six goals. He was instrumental in getting Fairy Meadow within an inch of an NSL berth at its first attempt and surely must rate as one of the hardest working coaches around. He replaces former Australian international Adrian Alston, coach of Wollongong for the past two seasons.

— ALEX VESIC



John Fleming (right) the new coach of Wollongong.



Flashback to the Croydon team of 1983 and just three players remain. Back row: Steve Irvine (now with South Oakleigh), Joe Sweeney (Juventus), Ian Dobson (Macedonia), Lou Kestner (George Cross), Mick Edwards, Gus Macleod (Prahran Celtic), Paul Wade (Juventus), Dave Singleton. Front row: Mike Rainey (Prahran Celtic), Mark Brown, Jimmy Rooney (Prahran Celtic), Steve Marley (Heidelberg), Gary Hobson (Fawkner), Ian Loughnane (Fawkner), Reno Lia (Fawkner).

## Macedonia thanks Brennan

Micky Brennan, the English-born former West Adelaide Hellas defender, has tasted his first success as a coach.

Brennan, 33, has led West Perth Macedonia to its third successive premiership in his first stint as player/coach.

And Brennan said after his side's decisive victory in the State League's final round that he owed most of his success to his old mate Alan Vest, the current NSW Director of Coaching.

"I often contact him for advice," said Brennan.

Brennan played under vest in Adelaide in 1982 and 1983 and when Vestie moved to Perth to coach Floreat Athena, Brennan went with him.

But midway through the 1984 season Vest left Athena and Brennan was asked to become player/coach for the rest of the year.

That's when this success story began. Although Brennan admits he is no longer a youth, his playing days are by no means over.

For the last seven rounds of the league Brennan surrendered his place to a promising youngster.

"The chap had a bad game in the cup and I kept him in the side for our next game," Brennan explained.

"If I hadn't done so I could have destroyed his career. This player — Dave Kavanagh — subsequently became a pillar of strength in our defence.

Kavanagh did not miss a game for the rest of the season.

Meanwhile, Spearwood Dalmatinac, the team Macedonia tipped for the title, finished the season well by taking out the D'Orsogna Cup, beating Perth Azzuri 3-1.

— PHILIP MICALLEF

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# Former stars still going strong

The Keilor Old Boys are living proof that you can't keep a good man down.

Despite receding hairlines and expanding waists, these lingering stars of yesteryear have just won the Victorian Industrial and Amateur League Fourth Division championship by six points, scoring 85 goals in the process.

They also have reached the final of the

Black Douglas Cup, to be played on October 6.

In lead-up rounds, they beat Glenroy 5-2, TAA 4-2, Inter-City 4-2 and Lecco Holdings 2-0.

Top scorers in league and Cup matches have been J. Gaudi with 35 and G. Munro with 29.

The club, which plays at Keilor Australia's ground, Harriets Reserve, was formed only this year, by Bobby Pocock

(ex-Sunshine City), Guenter Gangmaler (ex-Keilor Austria) and Jim Munro (ex-Albion Rovers).

Other well-known players in the team are Will Lalng (ex-Sunshine City), Boris Braini (ex-Green Gully) and Pino Duke (ex-St. Albans).

• The Keilor Old Boys, pictured, are, from left, standing: A. Simeonidis, K. Ferrans, P. Frew, G. Gangmaler, J. Robins, B. Braini, P. Duke, J. Munro, V. Kajovic, Front: W. Lalng, J. Gaudi, R. Pocock, N. Apas, G. Munro, A. Bulka.

## Milenko Rusmir leads Waverley to triumph

Former Footscray J.U.S.T. star Milenko Rusmir, now, is sharing his knowledge and experience with the youngsters of Waverley City.

Rusmir's young team has just won the Victorian under 15 Super League, losing only one game all season. The team won the 1984 under 14 Super League as well.

And nine of its players were included in the Eastern regional selection which won the regional championship. They are: Carmelo Calafiore, Mario Cutugno, Joe D'Amico, Nicky Paleologos, Ross Parkin, Willie Ross, Sava Rusmir, Vincent Salvatore and Zoran Stojkovic.

Craig Paton played in the South-Eastern regional team before joining Waverley.

Vincent Salvatore and Mario Cutugno were invited to train with the Victorian State under 15 team and Vincent went on to compete in the national titles in Traralgon. Sava Rusmir was in the Victorian under 13 team last year.

• The team, pictured, is, from left, standing: Noel Parking (manager), Zoran Stojkovic, Willie Ross, Mario Cutugno, Con Tsapoklis, Ross Parkin (captain), Vincent Salvatore, Milenko Rusmir (coach), Front: Sava Rusmir (vice-captain), Simon Heiders, Tim Gardener, Nicky Paleologos, Joe D'Amico, Neil Fletcher. Absent: Carmelo Calafiore, Craig Paton.



## 100 for Stuart

Ever since he was a toddler, just old enough to kick a ball with his dad on their back lawn at home in England, Stuart Evans (pictured) has enjoyed soccer.

Now living in Australia, he plays at the age of 11, for Doveton Baptist in the Eastern Suburbs Christian Junior Soccer Association.

During the last soccer season Stuart scored his 100th goal in just 51 matches, an average of almost two goals a game. Since playing for Doveton, Stuart has also won nine hat-trick awards from "Soccer Action".

Stuart is delighted. So is his club, but we're not sure how his opponents feel! Congratulations, Stuart.



• The Salesian College team that won the Victorian Secondary Schools championship by beating Regional Catholic College of St. Albans 3-1 on penalties at Middle Park, from left, back row: S. Waldbauer, F. Palleschi, M. Ioakimidis, A. Gatto, M. Alexandropoulos, J. Delosa, F. Salvatore, C. Perna, Coach: C. Egan. Front: R. Palleschi, F. Pansino, V. Salvatore, T. Palleschi, M. Kourelis, F. Mazzagatti, J. D'Amico, G. Morina.



## UNDER 16 CONTEST AT RINGWOOD

Fixtures for the under 16 competition being run by Ringwood Willelmina at Jubilee Park:

SATURDAY September 28  
11 am — Mitcham United v Mooroolbark.  
1 pm — Waverley City v Springvale United.  
3 pm — Doncaster Rovers v Ringwood

SUNDAY September 29:  
11 am — Burwood United v Springvale United.  
1 pm — Waverley City v Box Hill.  
3 pm — Mitcham United v Ringwood City.  
SATURDAY October 5 — Semi-Finals.  
12.30 pm — Runners-up Group I v Winners Group II.  
3 pm — Runners-up Group II v Winners

3 pm — Runners-up Group II v Winners Group II.  
SUNDAY October 6 — Finals.  
12.30 pm — Play-off for third place between the two losing teams of the semi-finals.  
3 pm — Main final — between the winners of the semi-finals.  
5 PM — PRESENTATIONS



• Melbourne Croati's under 13s proudly display the name of their sponsor. The boys, who finished second in their Super League, are, from left, rear: Tom Juricic, Stan Marusic, Dean Fak, Damien Muterura, Darko Trupkovic, John Botica, Mate Bacak (manager). Front: Paul Scerri (coach), Jakov Gavran (kneeling), Steve Jerbic, Walter Sare, Ante Lijovic, Romeo Grgic, Joe Bacak (capt), George Tadic, Mark Silic (kneeling).

# Medibank Private SCOREBOARD

## VICTORIA

### DIVISION TWO

Ringwood Utd 3	South Oakleigh 3	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
5th Oakleigh	15	8	3	53	36	38	
5th Maribion	16	5	4	28	27		
Nth Geelong	13	6	7	37	19	33	
Waverley	13	6	7	44	31	32	
Sandringham	12	8	6	42	38	32	
Eltham	10	5	11	35	45	25	
Altona City	9	8	11	43	42	24	
Royal Park	8	12	35	47	22		
Kelley Australia	6	9	11	28	32	21	
Dandenong C	6	9	11	30	37	21	
Hamlyn	6	9	11	32	49	21	
Ringwood U	6	8	12	28	41	20	
Bell Park	4	11	14	45	49	15	
Coburg	7	5	14	34	51	19	

### PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

#### DIVISION TWO

Dingley 1	Geelong Utd 1	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nth Sunshine 3	South Yarra 0	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Geelong Utd	15	6	3	55	29	36	
Seaford Utd	14	7	3	58	24	35	
Borwick	11	9	4	58	33	31	
Yvanhoe	10	10	4	31	20	30	
Nth Sunshine	10	8	4	40	36	26	
5th Dandenong	10	8	7	33	33	24	
Disley	7	10	7	33	33	24	
Nursingwood U	11	12	47	53	23		
Uni of Melb	8	7	9	34	42	23	
Maribion U	8	8	12	47	52	18	
Milton	8	8	11	23	41	18	
South Yarra	4	17	32	84	11		
Altona Utd	2	12	20	50	11		

### BUFFALO AMATEUR LEAGUE

#### DIVISION ONE

Asot St Marks 1	Epping Thistle 0	reserves 2-0, Old Scotch 2 Maribion 1	6-3, Waverley City 2 Eagles United 2, 2-1, Waverley United 7 Launceston 2, 1-1, Vermont 12 4 68 44 22
Reservoir Eagle 3	South Yarra 2	Endeavour Hills 1, 4-4	
Collingwood CB 3	Diggers Rest 1	5-0, Ringwood Rovers 2 Yarra United 5, 2-1, Nth Melbourne 1 Concorde 2, 1-3, Phillip Inst 9 R.M.I.T. 0, 3-2, Brinsford 3 v Collingwood 0	

#### DIVISION TWO

Howarth Utd 0	Donkeys Park 6, 6-5, RAAF Academy 5 Yarra Bend 0, East Altona 7 Oakleigh Utd 0, 0-2		
Reservoir Eagle 6	1	10	22 10
Donkeys Park 3	3	8	21 48 9
Old Paradians 3	3	10	20 48 9

### BUFFALO AMATEUR LEAGUE

#### DIVISION ONE

Waverley United 17	3	2	67 26 37
Asot St Marks 15	6	1	57 18 36
Eagles United 12	5	4	44 37 29
Launceston Utd 12	4	6	38 33 24
Belmont City 8	7	7	41 39 23
Epping Thistle 7	5	10	32 34 19
Maccabi 8	2	12	30 40 18
Endeavour Hills 5	6	11	37 55 16
Melbourne Uni 5	6	11	37 55 16
Northern Suburb 4	7	11	39 58 15
Launceston Utd 3	4	13	30 52 14
Old Scotch 6	1	15	41 53 13

#### DIVISION ONE - RESERVES

Launceston Utd 16	5	1	58 23 37
Balwyn City 12	3	7	43 29 27
Asot St Marks 12	3	7	42 31 27

## ENGLAND

### DIVISION ONE

W D L F A Pts									
Wolverley Utd	16	3	1	59	44	26			
Vernon	8	4	10	41	38	20			
Melbourne Uni	8	4	9	43	44	20			
Eagles United	7	5	9	42	45	19			
Endeavour Hills	7	4	11	52	64	18			
Old Scotch	7	1	13	38	56	15			
Maccabi	4	6	12	37	55	14			
Northern Suburb	4	4	12	42	74	14			

### DIVISION TWO

W D L F A Pts									
Brinsford	11	7	7	35	16	35			
Collingwood City	14	2	4	69	28	30			
Phillip Inst	11	6	6	26	28				
Diamond Valley	11	4	5	50	32	26			
Concorde	6	9	7	33	30				
Diggers Rest	8	2	10	44	18				
Ringwood Rovers	7	2	8	43	44	16			
Yarra United	7	2	11	43	52	16			
Nth Melbourne	3	3	12	19	52	9			
Collingwood	2	3	15	37	58	8			
R.M.I.T.	8	15	37	75	8				

### DIVISION TWO - RESERVES

W D L F A Pts									
Diamond Valley	12	2	3	57	23	26			
Yarra United	11	3	4	60	32	25			
East Altona	9	2	4	45	25	20			
Collingwood City	11	2	5	51	26	24			
Brinsford	10	3	5	46	26	23			
Phillip Inst	6	6	5	35	33	13			
Concorde	4	11	10	30	51	13			
Diggers Rest	4	4	12	22	52	10			
R.M.I.T.	3	1	14	24	74	7			
Nth Melbourne	3	1	17	59	7				

### DIVISION THREE

W D L F A Pts									
Northern Utd	10	5	2	45	25	20			
Donkeys Park	10	5	2	45	25	20			
Yarra Bend	8	5	5	38	35	21			
East Richmond	8	5	5	42	35	21			
East Altona	9	2	7	45	25	20			
RAAF Academy	8	1	9	24	32	17			
Oakleigh Utd	6	4	8	24	34	16			
Howarth Utd	6	6	7	31	38	11			
Reservoir Eagle	6	1	10	22	10				
Old Paradians	3	3	11	24	56	9			

### DIVISION THREE - RESERVES

Yarra Bend	12	0	2	78	13	24			
Northern Utd	9	1	4	38	29	19			
East Altona	9	2	7	31	38	11			
Oakleigh Utd	3	5	6	22	13				
Howarth Utd	6	1	7	23	13				
Reservoir Eagle	6	1	7	23	15				
Donkeys Park	3	3	8	21	48	9			
Old Paradians	3	3	10	20	48	9			

### LAFRANCE VALLEY

0, Olympians 6, Fortuna 0, Traralgon City 2, Greaves 0, Sale City 2, Diamant 2, Churchill 3, Morwell Rangers 0, Pegasus 6, Newborough 3									
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### EXPRESS SHIELD FINAL: Mel Utd 5 Olympians 2

## OVERSEAS

### UNDER 21

East Germany best Yugoslavia 2-2 (half-time 2-0) in their European under-21 championship group tour match in Sebelica									
Soviet, Yugoslavia — Dykic (86th min), Pancev (70th), East Germany — Doll (30th), Hainz (45th), Greter (86th)									
Attendance: 11,000									

## Group four standings

W D L F A Pts									
Bulgaria	3	0	3	13	11	6			
East Germany	1	3	1	8	8	5			
Poland	1	3	1	8	8	5			
Yugoslavia	1	2	2	10	9	4			
Remaining Matches: New 15 France v Yugoslavia, East Germany v Bulgaria.									

### GREECE

Dydimopoulos 2 AEX 2, Panaterakis 0									
Panaterakis 1, Apollon Athina 0, Dena 0									
1 St. Peter 0 PAOK 0, Iraklis 1, Aktis 1									
Larissa 3 Panathlitos 0, OFI 2 Zenit 1									
1, Apollon Kalamarias 1 Panathlitos 0									

### PAATHLITOS

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Larissa	3	1	0	8	1	7	5		
Apoll Athina	2	1	0	8	1	7	5		
AEX 1	2	1	0	8	1	7	5		
Panathlitos	2	1	0	8	1	7	5		

### ITALY

Altana 1 Pisa 2, Bari 1 Como 1, Fiorentina 3, Lazio 1, Milan 3 Avellino 6, Napoli 1 Roma 1, Torino 1 Sampdoria 0, Udinese 1 Internazionale 1, Verona 6 Juventus 1									
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### WEST GERMANY

Furlana Dusseldorf 4 Bayern Munich 0, Nuremberg 0 Stuttgart 1, Cologne 4 Schalke 2, Hamburg 3 Hannover 5, Kaiserslautern 2 Borussia Dortmund 0, Eintracht Frankfurt 1 Bayer Leverkusen 0, Bochum 2 Werder Bremen 3, Waldhof Mannheim 3 Borussia Munchengladbach 1, Bayer Urdorf 2 Saarbrücken 1									
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### W D L F A Pts

Werder Bremen	6	3	0	26	12	15			
M'gladbach	5	2	2	21	13	12			

## Kaiserslautern

5 2 2 16 10 12									
Waldhof M'heim	4	4	1	14	9	12			
Stuttgart	5	1	3	17	11	11			
Bayern Munich	4	2	2	11	9	10			
Bayer Urdorf	4	2	3	14	19	10			
Hannover	4	1	3	14	8	9			
Frankfurt	2	5	2	13	9	9			
Saarbrücken	2	5	2	13	9	9			
Bayer Urdorf	3	2	3	13	10	8			
Bochum	4	0	5	20	20	8			
Nuremberg	3	3	1	15	15	7			
Dusseldorf	3	0	6	19	23	6			
Hannover	1	3	4	13	23	5			
Schalke	2	1	6	18	18	5			
Saarbrücken	3	0	6	18	18	5			
Darmstadt	1	3	5	10	22	5			

### AUSTRIA

SKA 2 Austria Klagenfurt 1, SC Eisenstadt 2 Admira Wacker 0 Austria Vienna 5 Strum Graz 2, VOEST Linz 3 SWW Innsbruck 2, GAK 0 Rapid Vienna 10, Alpine Dossauit 1 LASK 3									
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### Rapid Vienna

8 3 0 47 7 19									
Austria Vienna	8	1	2	28	17	9			
SWW Innsbruck	4	3	3	13	13	11			
Austria Klagenfurt	2	7	3	13	13	11			

### SPAIN

Athletic Bilbao 2 Barcelona 1, Dasaun 0 Cadix 0, Atletico Madrid 1 Real Valladolid 4, Real Zaragoza 1, Real Sociedad 2, Racing 0, Espanol 0, Sporting 0, Valencia 3 Real Sociedad 1, Las Palmas 1 Real Betis 0									
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### Athletic Bilbao

4 1 0 8 3 9									
Real Madrid	3	2	1	11	4	8			
Sporting	2	2	2	10	4	8			
Real Zaragoza	2	2	1	8	5	6			
Real Valladolid	2	2	1	8	5	6			
Valencia	3	0	2	8	5	6			

### FRANCE

Marseilles 2 Monaco 2, Auxerre 0 Lens 0, Nice 2 Rennes 1, Brest 1 Nantes 3, Nancy 5 Toulon 3, St Etienne 3, Bordeaux 2 Bastia 2, Laval 4 Strasbourg 1, Le Havre 0 Metz 0									
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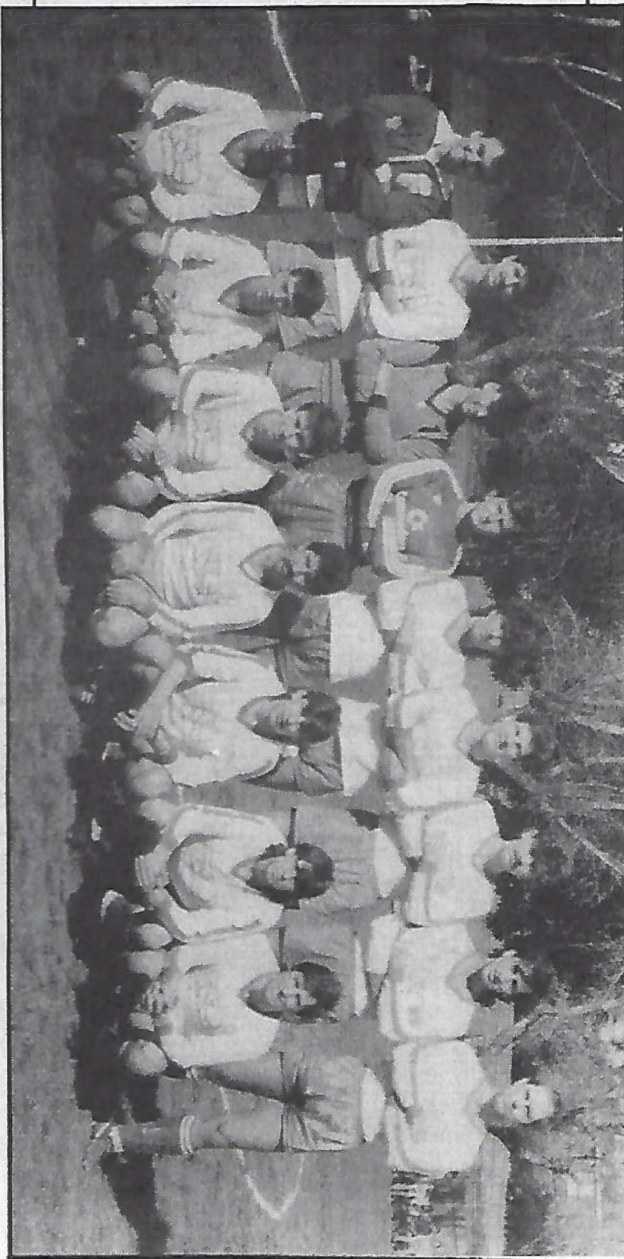
### Paris SG

W D L F A Pts									
Paris SG	11	2	0	29	9	24			
Bordeaux	8								



# CLARINDA

● Back row: S. Seizes, B. Stratonidakis, M. Ioakimidis, C. Kakkouras, P. Constantinou, J. Gedeassil (captain), N. Lakiotis, A. Charalambous, P. Apostolopoulos. Front row: M. Charalambous, I. Koutsikas, C. Holmes, A. Gazonis (assistant coach), D. Mitsikas, J. Ougrinis, B. Gazonis (coach), Missing: B. Fergadiotis, C. Kaziaris, I. Gargas, A. Apostolopoulos.



## MEET THE MEN WHO WON THE TITLE

**BILL GATZONIS:** Coach. Winner of the club's best and fairest award over the last three years. Recruited from Hawthorn.

**TONY GATZONIS:** Assistant Coach. Recruited from Hawthorn.

**MICHAEL IOAKIMIDIS:** From the juniors. Goalkeeper who has represented Australia at under 15 level and has represented Victoria as a junior.

**BILL FERGADIOTIS:** Defender, recruited from Frankston City. He has been injured for most of the year but looking forward to playing next year.

**NICK LAKIOTIS:** Defender, from South Oakleigh.

**PETER CONSTANTINOU:** Defender, recruited from Port Melbourne.

**PETER APOSTOLOPOULOS:** Defender from the juniors.

**JOHN GODEASSI:** Team captain, recruited from Moradinoc and joint winner of Best Clubman award for 1985.

**CLIVE HOLMES:** Attacking midfielder, from Doveton.

**STEVE SEIZES:** Defender, from the juniors.

He has been missing due to injury for most of the year.

**JIMMY OUGRINIS:** Midfielder with lots of flair. Joined from Western Suburbs.

**DINO NITSIKAS:** Midfielder, from the juniors. Winner of Best Clubman and Most Improved Player awards for 1985.

**ACHILLEAS CHARALAMBOUS:** Courageous midfielder, from the juniors and winner of the Special Coaches Trophy.

**MICHAEL CHARALAMBOUS:** Forward, from the juniors. Winner of the Top Goalscorer award.

**TAS KOUTSIKOS:** Product of juniors. Joint winner of Most Improved Player for 1985 and has represented Victoria at junior level on many occasions.

**IVAN GRIGAS:** Forward, from Chelsea.

**CON KOZIARIS:** Forward, from the juniors.

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## Fourth Division here we come!

For Clarinda, 1985 has been a year of major achievement. As champion of Victoria's Provisional League Division One the club won the first ever title.

After a short existence in 1965-1966 Clarinda was re-formed in 1974 by a group of Greek soccer enthusiasts in the Clayton area. In its first year of operation the playing staff was comprised mostly of committee members and friends and the team finished in the lower regions of District League Division Four.

With increasing local support, Clarinda was able to develop a junior team at under 12 level in 1976. From this team, five players have risen to represent the club at senior level.

In 1979, Clarinda finished second and was able to climb out of District League Division Four into Division Three. The 1980 season saw the appointment of the first non-playing coach, John Burford, and once more Clarinda finished runner-up and was promoted into Division Two.

In August, 1981, Clarinda officially opened its current ground, Grange Reserve, in Osborne Avenue, Clayton South which was developed by the assistance of the City of Oakleigh which spent over \$200,000 on the ground and facilities. Current proposals with the council for future development of Grange Reserve are designed to bring the ground up to State League standard by the end of the 1987 season.

In 1982 with Takis Mandarakis, the former South Melbourne Hellas star, as coach, Clarinda lost its last game to lose out in the promotion race to Yarraville and Bulleen. However, the disappointment of the season was eased when the

team captain Simon Topalidis won the Provisional League Best and Fairest award.

The tradition of winning league best and fairest awards was continued in 1983 by Bill Gatzonis. In September of that year Bill Gatzonis was appointed coach and, with his inspiration, Clarinda won the Provisional League Cup, beating Springvale United 3-2 in the final after extra time. Fresh from this success, Clarinda went on to win the Hellenic Cup in December, beating State League team Northcote city 2-0 in the final.

With the restructuring of the Victorian Leagues in 1984, Clarinda was promoted into Provisional League Division One and in a tight finish was unfortunate to finish third on goal difference — one point behind champion Boronia and equal on points with runner-up Bala-larat.

Determined that 1985 was to be its championship year, Clarinda finished a clear winner of its division. The most pleasing aspect of the year was the important role played by nine players who had come up from junior ranks.

Clarinda now looks forward to the 1986 season with relish, playing in the Victorian Leagues for the first time with the knowledge of having good junior talent, strong committee, the support of the local business community and its ever faithful supporters.

Clarinda hopes to crown its success in the Provisional League with a championship in the Fourth Division of the Victorian Leagues.

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**FORZA JUVE!**



• Melita Eagles, First Grade Grand Final winners in NSW. Back row: John Davies, Don Allan, Andrew Callanan, Greg McCoy, Wayne Dolton, Billy Griffiths, Ken Wilson, Barry Walker, coach Mick Jones. Peter Hensman. Front row: Anthony Avellino, Dragan Pupovac, Lenny Vial, Jay O'Rourke, Derek Laing, Ray Garrugia and fan. Picture: ALEX VESIC.

## Jones bows out on a high note

NSW State League  
with ALEX VESIC



Man of  
the match:  
**BARRY WALKER**  
(Melita Eagles)

MELITA EAGLES 4 (Walker 27th, 62nd, Davies 70th, Hensman 82nd) FAIRY MEADOW 0. First Grade Grand Final at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2530. Referee: Peter Rampley 10.

MELITA EAGLES: Pupovac 8 - Laing 7, McCoy 7, Wilson 7, O'Rourke 7 - Davies 8, Farrugia 8, Vial 7 - Hensman 5 (Callanan 85th), Walker 8, Griffiths 8. Coach: Mick Jones.

FAIRY MEADOW: Young 6 - White 6, Barringer 6, Jones 5, Morlando 5 - Giraldo 8, Montecchi 5 (Peil 69th), Mowbray 7 (Baker 53rd S), Richardson 7 - Chilby 8, Fontana 7. Coach: John Fleming.

Mick Jones celebrated his retirement from coaching in the best way possible with this Grand Final win. To top it off Melita Eagles won the Grand Final for the first time in history!

So much for all the criticism levelled at the coach and his players during the year, for Melita did its supporters proud in the play-off series.

From fourth spot on the ladder and seemingly out of contention, Melita stormed home to eliminate Sutherland, then demolish Canterbury 4-1 before whipping Meadow 4-0. And the star of the show was Barry Walker.

This tall, skilful Melita striker was an early leader in the goalscoring charts in State league with five goals - after the first five rounds. Needless to say Melita was on top of the table and looking like a champion side. Then came an

injury which put both Walker and Melita out of business. Walker came back in the last five rounds to score three goals and steady his side then chimed in with play-off goals, two against Sutherland then two against Canterbury, with a further two in the Grand Final against Fairy Meadow.

Six goals in three matches with the nine he scored during the league season makes Walker easily the top scorer in the NSW State League in 1985.

His goals against Fairy Meadow were not as brilliant as some we have seen but as an example of this man's ability to convert simple chances into goals, they were extraordinary.

Ray Farrugia took a corner kick from the left hand side, playing the ball to the far post. Greg McCoy and Kenny Wilson tried to connect and Warwick Young missed it allowing McCoy to head towards the near post. Mick White only managed to clear the ball to the feet of Walker who slammed it back into the net.

After an hour, with Fairy Meadow battling hard to get an equaliser, a long clearance from Melita's defence was contested by Walker and Jones. At the last moment Walker backed off from the challenge leaving Jones to fall forward as the ball bounced towards Young's goal. Walker simply walked around Jones to face Young and score.

A very clever move indeed! In Australian soccer, which is

deteriorating into a horribly physical game, it is refreshing to see a man like Walker. He seems to run at half pace all the time but his footwork more than makes up for a seeming lack of speed. His running off the ball is extremely good while his heading is a delight.

Meadow refused to give in and fought hard. The side from the South Coast attacked relentlessly during the second period and paid for it. It rattled the crossbar twice and should have had at least one or maybe two goals but in the meantime it was hit on the break and conceded another two goals.

Billy Griffiths, one of Melita's best players, worked hard to steal possession from Mick White then stroll through some poor tackles before cutting back his pass for Johnny Davies to score with a delightful 20 metre drive to make it 3-0.

With minutes ticking away, Peter Hensman outsped some poor defence to lob the keeper and make it 4-0. Hensman dropped to his knees in prayer, for he could have made this game a nightmare for Meadow.

He was short by an inch in the fifth minute to get on the end of a brilliant header by Walker. Midway through the first half and following yet another cross by Griffiths the ball eluded Young to find Hensman but his header was painfully misdirected, finishing well over the bar.

In the 50th, Lenny Vial beat the Meadow defence then mis-kicked only to see his shot go to the far post for an unmarked Hensman to shoot. But Hensman decided to place his shot and it went straight into the arms of the fallen Young!

A few moments later Hensman was through again to face Young but shot straight at the keeper.

For Meadow the game was in the balance until the 53rd minute. It was 1-0 down and surging forward. Then came the loss of Phil Mowbray through injury. He was carried off the Park and replaced by Bar.

Giraldo and Fontana hit the woodwork in the ensuing moments but little if no luck went Meadow's way as it fought against all odds.

**MELLIER  
WINS IT**  
SUTHERLAND 1 (Mellier 72nd) MANLY WARRINGAH 0. Third Grade Grand Final at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2,350.

SUTHERLAND: Mrcvic - Pischke, Ashton, Hawker, Ensor - Ward, Tever (Giovenco 53rd), Christodolou (Weimer 77th) - Leney, Hill, Mellier.

MANLY: Tingle - Reeve, Melville, Butler, Smith - Green, Cimarosti (Gonzales 53rd), England - Annan, Loughran, Gillespie.

Andrew Mellier's goal separated the sides at the end of a very entertaining game dominated by strong defence.

Sutherland, for all its failures in top grade, and in the reserves, yet again goes home with a trophy. Mind you, the light blues have been accustomed to doing that in the past three years.

## Sea Eagles riding high

MANLY WARRINGAH 2 (Fox 80th, 82nd) MELITA EAGLES 0. Second Grade Grand Final at Marconi Stadium. Crowd 1530. Referee: Nick Asargiotis 7.

MANLY WARRINGAH: Conrad - Verduin, Russell, Jurgens, Sestanovich - Woodward, Jerrail, Vale - Baumgartner, Davison, Fox.

MELITA EAGLES: Avellino - Smith, Stead, Doyle, Furness - Gregson, Tooma, Seetharam - Woodward, Williams, Dulisse.

Manly's hopes at the start of the season rested on the success of its First Grade side. However, while that side floundered, Manly's Second and Third Grade teams reached the Grand Final.

Manly's reserves were given little hope against an unbeaten Melita side and for most of the game it looked as if the Sea Eagles would go home empty handed, but Melita muffed chances then conceded two late goals to say goodbye to its hopes.

But all credit to this Manly team.

fourth spot on the ladder, was given little chance of success.

However Manly played with vigor to eliminate Sutherland before facing the outright favourite Melita and the way this game went for long periods it looked as if Melita would prevail.

Michael Tooma was in the clear midway through the second half but missed from five metres after a cross by Craig Williams. Then 10 minutes later, Williams supplied the pass which Wood-

ward skied over the bar from four metres.

With eight minutes left, Ricky Baumgartner attempted to outdo his famous father by hitting one from outside the area but it appeared to go straight to the keeper. Anthony Avellino dropped the ball and Dudley Fox, following up, scooped it into the net.

Only two minutes later, Manly celebrated against Fox's superb shot found the top corner of the net and Avellino was helpless.



• Manly, winner of the Second Grade Grand Final. Back row: G Barker, R. Baumgartner, N. Conrad, C. Woodward, J. Alalich (coach), R. Davison, K. Russell, D. Fox. Front



## Medibank

Medibank Private has extended its generosity towards soccer, this time by sponsoring the Victorian U15 indoor soccer team, which is due to compete in the Australian indoor titles in January, 1988.

The sponsorship involves fitting out the squad with the Victorian team strip, which is a great load off the Victorian Indoor Soccer Association's shoulders.

If anyone else is interested in sponsoring a team - and there are six other sides ranging from U14 to senior - contact Phillip Diamantaris on 685 428 working hours, for the appropriate information.

## Players available

Five players in England are interested in joining Australian clubs. They include Paul Roberts who switched to his present club Brentford, from Millwall for \$20,000.

The players are: Roberts, 23, a defender. His address is: 85 Queenswood Gardens, Wansford, London E11, England. He can be contacted by phone on (01) 530 5853.

David Banks is an 18-year-old midfielder who has played with Wigan. His address is: 7 East Mount, Orell, Wigan, England WNS 8LR. His phone number is Wigan 22 6601.

Trevor Swinbourne is a goalkeeper who has played with Carlisle and Brentford. His address is: 22 Martin Way, St John's, Woking, Surrey, England. His phone number is: (0482) 63 881.

Ian Whyte is a midfielder or forward, essentially a left-sided player. He has played with Norwich and Scunthorpe and was player-manager of Appleby Fordingham in the northern counties Premier League. His address is: 23 Stow Road, Lincoln Gardens, Scunthorpe, South Humberside, England. His phone number is (0724) 84 1321.

Dean Clark is an 18-year-old goalkeeper who has played with Ipswich and Cambridge. His address is: 1 Knappers Way, Brandon, Suffolk, England.

## TO THE EDITOR...

### Andy Kun

SIR - I read your article in "Soccer Action" (Vol.10 No.34) about Andy Kun "A True Pioneer". Our love of this game brought us together in 1969. From that time I just could take off my hat for the love he did for soccer in this country. Andy Kun has sacrificed half of his life to soccer and with his gentlemanly approach, always found the best possible solutions to the many problems which came up time after time.

Besides this, he always found time for the juniors. I coached the Melbourne juniors from 1959 to 1967 and during that time we always enjoyed his love and consideration for the juniors. We are glad to have Andy Kun and we hope others come and work for soccer with the same enthusiasm. We salute you, Andy Kun!

JOSEPH ABONYI  
Ronald Gr.  
East Kellor, Vic.

### Socceroos

SIR - I am writing about the reason for so much cheering towards the Socceroos in their recent Melbourne game.

I watched the International

match between New Zealand and Australia, where Australia had the same line-up as it did against the Victorian All-Stars. I could not believe that they went into an international match with only one experienced striker (John Kosmina).

Spectators at Middle Park were unhappy about the coaches' attitude towards the make-up of the team, especially towards Marshall Soper. There seems to be no effort taken to resolve differences and difficulties in an attempt to put together the best Australian team possible.

At the same time New Zealand surprises everyone by bringing in the Ruffer brothers from Switzerland and other overseas players. They tried and succeeded. On the other hand, we can't even lure Eddie Kravcic, through not trying hard enough.

We are leaving too much to chance in our team's front line-up, by not having Marshall Soper, John Kosmina and Eddie Kravcic. It's just as important to choose a good forward line as it is a defence. With that sort of effort the two points would have gone to Australia (as well as the other 10 coming up).

These sentiments are

shared by 99% of those jeering Victorians.

### CON TRIPIDIS

Flory Cres,  
Malgrave, Vic

### Discrimination

SIR - In regards to discrimination against the ethnic minorities of Australia, I am sure Adolf Hitler, the Klu Klux Klan, and every two-bit dictator in every banana republic would be proud of what happens here. Perhaps it's not discrimination. It may be that certain organisations are just ashamed that the majority of soccer supporters are from ethnic minorities.

Maybe they think that if they don't mention our proper names, the Anglo-Saxon Australians won't find out. What next? I suppose we will have to change the colors of our strips as well because many clubs have ethnic emblems on them.

After they have done that, they can also send police to our houses and get them to change all our surnames, as was the practice in some fascist countries. In closing I would like to say, I hope common sense will prevail and I would like to thank "Soccer Action" for its democracy.

ALEX DAMCHEV  
Glenroy, Vic.

# JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

## OPTIMIZAM PRED SUSRET SA IZRAELOM

Utakmica sa Kinom pomogla je Frank Aroku da resi neke probleme u odbrani i na valni pravo vreme.

Alan Davidson je oziveo odbranu, dok je David Mitchell rasirio navalu i dao mizicki Kosmini da uspešno manevrisu pred golom protivnika. Sada imamo razlog i pravo da ocekujemo povoljan rezultat iz Tel Aviva.

Medjutim, ukoliko je prvo mesto u grupi Okeanija dostizna stvarnost utoliko je odlicniji u Meksiko sve veci i nedostizan san. Narocito, posto zavrsetak takmicenja u sedmoj evropskoj grupi, gde je Skotska postala na eventualni protivnik, odnosno poslednja ali nepremostiva prepreka za odlazak u Meksiko.

## NEUSEPH U DOCKERTY KUPU

Dockerty Kup je osuden na neuseph, jer Helias Alexander nisu uspeali da prekoske prvu prepreku, sto znaci veliki gubitak u poseti.

Svi su izgledi da ce se za ovaj pehar boriti Makedonija, Croatia i Juventus, mada ne treba zaboraviti ni George Crossa.

Juventus i George Cross su najbolji primeri sta znaci i koliko mogu dobiti treneri da uticu na uspeh ekipe sa prosecnim igracima.

JUST-ov mladi tim je prole godine nesretno izgubio prvenstvo Jugne divizije i naslov samplona Australije. Od tog ima ove godine skoro nista nije ostalo, dok se u prvi tim probio samo jedan igrac sa prosecnim mogucnostima.

To je veliki i tezak propust. Nije cudno sto je onda Frankston Pines uz pomoc loseg sudije Zounmasa eliminisao nezainteresovanog JUST-a iz prvog kola Dockerty Kupa. "PLAVI" su propustili poslednju priliku da se rehabilitiraju za neuseph u Ampur Kupu i Nacionalnom prvenstvu. Svuda su završili na poslednjem mestu.

Vec sada se mora misliti na preporod, koji nije moguc bez pravog i odgovornog strucnog staba.

## RINGWOOD/SRBIA OSTAJE U DRUGOJ DIVIZIJI

U poslednjoj zaostaloj utakmici protiv samplona South Okleahla Ringwood/Srbija je uspeh da osvoji zlatan bod, koji je pomogao da ostane u drugoj diviziji.

Uspeh je utoliko veci sto je South Ok-

leigh vodio sa 3:0 do 75. minuta, a onda je dpsao preokret koji niko nije ocekivao, a doneo ga je mladi Johnny Musser, debitant u prvom timu.

Za nepunih 15 minuta Ringwood/Srbija je izjednacila rezultat, a sa malo vise sportske sreće mogla je da postigne i pobedonosni gol. Strelci: Tony Gilmour, Johnny Musser i Pavle Jevtic iz jedanaestera, posto je prethodno srusen u kaznenom prostoru.

Pored J.Ohny Musera pohvalu zasluzuje i Jimmy Milisavljevic, jer je odbranio nekoliko udaraca koji se tesko brane, dok primijene golove niko ne bi odbranio.

Sastav Ringwood Srbije: Jimmy Milisavljevic, Miki Sedlarevic, Zoran Popovic, Alex Nelson, Adam Demir, Tony Gilmour, Zoran Lalic (Johnny Musser), Pavle Jevtic, Ljubisa Bosancic, Robert Erdog, Steve Hall.

## PROVIZIONALNI KUP

Central City/CRVNA ZVEZDA - Meadow Park 5:4 na jedanaestere. Posto u regularnom vremenu i produzetku od 20 minuta ni jedna strana nije postigla gol, pristupilo se izvođenju jedanaestera.

Igralo se na igralistu JUST-a, gde se okupio prilican broj navijaca oba tima. Utakmica je postala uzbudiva pred kraj utakmice, kada je Meadow Park priredio vatromet pred golom Zvezde. Medjutim, heroj ove utakmice Nikola Popovic nije propustao ni jednu priliku. Odranimo je dva sigurna gola. U pocetku igre bio je nervozan i razdrzljiv zbog cega je zaradio zuti karton, ali se kasnije smirio i odlicnom odbranom uveo svoj tim u drugo kolo Provizionalnog kupa. Prilikom izvođenja jedanaestera odbranio je dva udarca sa obe strane.

U toku igre Meadow Park nije iskoristio jedanaestere, koji je pravilno dosudjen jer je Zoran Roksanovic bez potrebe igrao rukom.

Zuti karton je dobio i Goran Simic zbog ostrog starta.

Prilikom izvođenja jedanaestera Ivica Karic i Sasa Milenkovic su pogodili prečku. Golove su postigli: Miodrag Velickovic, Bora Andjelkovic, Dragan Milenkovic, Dejan Obradovic i Goran Simic. Sastav Zvezde: Nikola Popovic, Zoran Roksanovic, Ivica Karic, Dragan Milenkovic, Milan Velickovic, Goran Simic, Dejan Obradovic, Bora Andjelkovic, Nikola Radunovic (Mile Jovanovic), Sasa Milenkovic, Stevica Micevic.

U drugom kolu sastaju se Zvezda i Pelister na JUST-ovom igralistu.

IVANHOE CITY - WILLIAMSTOWN/MLADOST 4:5 na jedanaestere. Ova utakmica se u regularnom vremenu i produzetku od 20 minuta završila nerešeno 1:1. Mladost je povelja sa 1:0 preko Zarka Stefanovica, a domaci tim uspeo je da izjednači u drugom poluvremenu.

Mladost je bila uspesnija u izvođenju jedanaestera. Promasila je jedino Tim igli sledeci igraci: Milutin Ciric, Cane Trajkovski, Cane Bosevski, Nedeljko Mudrinic.

Mladost je igrala u sledecem sastavu: Milutin Ciric, Cane Bosevski, Zdenko Jovic (Mirko Beker), Danc Smurgeski, Tome Dimovski, Cane Trajkovski, Nedeljko Mudrinic, Tim Bickici, Ikon Pitt (Dusko Atanasovski) Zoran Ivkovic, Zarko Stefanovic.

Mladost je slobodna sledece subote, jer se kvalifikovala za polufinale bez borbe.

EAST GEELONG/MAKEDONIA - PASCO VALE/PELISTER 0:2 (0:1).

Strelci: Dusko Niceski i Kevin Nevruzki. Pelister je lako dobio ove utakmice. Po sansama moglo je biti mnogo vise golova u mrezi East Geelonga.

Sastav Pelistera: Steve Maracato, John Bonella, Nikola Lazarevic, Kevin Nevruzki, Arthur Christos, Toni Staitopoulos, Dany McLaughlin Alex Shandis, a zatim Dusko Niceski, Boris Cosic, Tony Centarino, Harry Perken, Frank Brongo.

Kao sto smo napred pomenuli, u subotu 5. oktobra na igralistu JUST-a u Footscrayu igra se Jugo-derbi za Provizionalni kup izmedju Crvene zvezde i Pelistera.

Za rezervni kup Pascoe Vale/Pelister je pobedio Central City sa 2:1 (1:1).

Pelister je iskoristio nesporazum izmedju golmana Koste Avramovskog i Bogomira Subijala da podeli vec u 5. minutu preko Pepi Kolakovskog. Tjednacio je Sasa Birtasovic u 15. minutu posle kornera koji je izveo Slavko Drlic.

Pobedonosni gol za Pelister postigao je Michael Taskovski u 80. minutu.

U subotu 5. oktobra rezervna Pelistera igra u gostima protiv pobednika susreta Digley v. Monbulk.

Za Armstrong Kup rezervna Springvale Uniteda pobedila je Lalor/SLOGU sa 6:5 na jedanaestere. U regularnom vremenu rezultat je glasio 2:2 (1:1). U drugom kolu "plavi" igraju u gostima protiv pobednika susreta Fawknar v. Geelong.



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# ΤΑ ΝΕΑ ΤΩΝ ΟΜΑΔΩΝ ΜΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

## ΤΑ ΣΥΓΧΡΑΝΑ ΚΥΠΡΙΑΚΑ

Σήμερα οι Ελληνικές ομάδες ριχνονται στη μάχη του Β' γύρου για τα Εθνικά Κύπελλα. Ο πρωταθλητής ΠΑΟΚ μέσα στην Τούμπα, μπορεί να ανατρεφεί το 3-1 με την Βέρνα και να περάσει στον Β' γύρο.

Η κυπελλούχος ΑΕΛΣΙ μετά το 1-1 στο Αλκυονίδες είναι θεοκραμένη να παλαίσει τώρα στην Σακεντέρια με την τοπική ομάδα.

Η ΑΕΚ αν δεν είχε κερδίσει μόνο 1-0 την μετέπειτα Ρεάλ Μαδρίτης, θα είχε περισσότερες πιθανότητες τώρα για πρόκριση. Η ομάδα του Δημήτρη είχε καλές ευκαιρίες που ίσως μέσα στο άγριο στάδιο του Μερκενέου να μη τις είχε και να κέρδιζε έσχατους στυγμούς.

Ο ΠΑΝΑΘΗΝΑΪΚΟΣ έχει τρία σίγουρα το είκοσι πέντε για την πρόκριση. Μέσα στο "Ολυμπιακό Στάδιο" της "Αθήνας" μπορεί να ανατρεφεί το 2-1 του πορνό, έστω και με νίκη 1-0.

## Η ΟΛΥΜΠΙΑΚΗ ΚΟΡΤΑ ΣΤΟ NSL

Στο κοιτάκι του δούσεο δεικνύεται της Ολυμπιακής έστιας στην Μελβούρνη κ. Κώστας Μαυρίνης, εκ' ευκαιρίας της λήξης της ποδοσφαιρικής περιόδου, τόνισε προς τους αντιπροσώπους των ομάδων του NSL ότι δεν βρίσκεται να νέναι λόγος να μη συνεχίσει η Ολυμπιακή να είναι σπένσορ του NSL. Αυτό όμως είχε ξεκαρτίται από την Αθήνα.

## ΠΟΡΕΙΣ ΟΜΑΔΕΣ

Κανένας ομάδα δεν γνωρίζει πόσες ομάδες θα παίξουν τελικά στο πρωτάθλημα του 1986. Ο μάλιστα του Αήκη Στέφαν Καμάδ μού είπε ότι στην τρέχουσα εβδομάδα θα λυθούν πολλά ζητήματα.

## ΥΠΟΨΗΦΙΟΙ ΓΙΑ ΤΟ ΟΛΥΜΠΙΚΟ

Μετά την άμεσλητή απόφαση του Τζιμ Πετινέλη να άκουσσει από την προεδρία του ΣΙΣ νεν "Ολυμπιακοί" που φέρονται σαν υποψήφιοι είναι οι έξης:

Τον Κουμάνος και Ν. Χαλάρ Κόντος. Βελίος για την θέση του αντιπροέδρου ανέλαβε και Κώστας Θεοδόσης εκ' έστιας και ο Τ. Τζανσον από τα Ιβουρικά μέλη του συλλόγου.

## Ο ΣΟΦΙΣ ΑΙΝΕΤΕΣ ΣΤΗΝ ΑΣΦ

Μέ έκιοσλή του δεινής Μάραλ Σέπερ προς την ΑΣΦ έκίνησε ότι... τώρα μπορεί να βρίσκεται κοντά στην έθνική Αυστραλίας γιατι το β έκιτρεθεί δ εργοδότη του. Πάντως για τον Σέπερ όλα άκούγονται, ότι κάποια άλλη είναι ή ατρία που δεινέσε με την έθνική τις προκλήσεις.



Ο Στένης Κασσός με τρία προσωπικά γκολ -Εξέλι- σσο - στο 6-5 επί του Μαλγκρέβ το Σάουθ Σπρινγκ, που η νίκη του τελείωσε στην 4η θέση της 4ης κατηγορίας του Προβιζιναλ Αήκ. Ο Κασσός είναι και ο πρώτος σκόρερ της ελληνικής μας ομάδας.

## Η ΠΡΟΤΑΘΗΤΡΙΑ ΓΙΟΥΒΕΝΤΟΥΣ

Τό Α.Σ. της πρωταθλήτριας Γιουβέντους θα δώσει από 200 δολάρια έξτρα στον κάθε ποδοσφαιριστή της.

Από 500 δολ. θα πάρουν οι Έντι Κάμπελ (καλύτερος παίκτης) Ρόμπερτ Εδλιν (6 πόντοι συνεκής παίκτης), Ρίτσαρντ Μάρνιν (έξελιξη μιας παίκτης) και Τζό Σούην (τόπ σκόρερ).

## ΤΕΡΜΑ ΚΑΙ Ο ΜΙΡΑΛΩΝ

Ο Τόνι Μάρκον δ προκλήθηκε τών νέων της "Ελλάς" πήρε τελικά διαζόγιο με τών σύλλογο.

Στην πραγματικότητα τ... διαζόγιο ήταν από καιρό, όταν ομάδα δεν είχε τελειώσει το πρωτάθλημα.

## ΠΟΥ ΉΤΑΝ Ο ΜΕΓΑΣ

Άζια δ Μέγας με τούς νέους του πήρε το πρωτάθλημα του Νοτιού όμιλου με την διαφορά ότι δεν τερμάτισε πρώτος και χρειάστηκε να παλαίσει στους τελικούς.

Αν όμως οι άρμόδιοι του Μέγα γνώριζαν την περίπτωση μιάς άλλης ομάδας του όμιλου της ή οποία χρησιμοποίησε δελτίο παίκτη που έλειπε στην "Ελλάδα" με άλλον ποδοσφαιριστή της (κλαστοπροσωπία), σίγουρα θα είχε κερδίσει δύο άκρη βαθμούς.

## ΑΕ ΜΗ ΓΙΝΟΝΤΑΙ ΠΑΛΙ ΤΑ ΙΔΙΑ

Ακούγονται πολλά για άνακαταστάσεις στις διάφορες κατηγορίες του ΤΣΦ και μάλιστα

σε σκέψεις, όταν μέλισσα λένε ότι οι ομάδες που τερμάτισαν στην 3η θέση θα έχουν την προτεραιότητα. Ει' αυτό το λέω από πείρα γιατι πριν 3 χρόνια έβιναν παράξενα πράγματα: Η Αδρα τελείωσε 1η και ανέβηκε κατηγορία αλλά το Μπουλντ είχε τελειώσει στην 3η θέση και τó ανέβαιναν... 2 κατηγορίες πιά πάνω!

## ΖΗΤΟΥΝ ΑΝΤΙΠΑΛΟΥΣ

Φιλικές συναντήσεις θέλουν να δώσουν οι ομάδες μας Ατρήντος, Βαπασσος και Γκάρντεν Σίτν. Οι ενδιαφερόμενοι μπορούν να τηλεφωνήσουν στους άρμόδιους.

## ΦΕΥΓΕΙ Ο ΕΠΙΛΕΞ

Ο κυνηγός της Πρόστον Γουόρεν Σπίνκς θα έκπαιρθεί στην Άγγλια γιατι πιστεύει ότι μπορεί να κάνει καριέρα. Σε περίπτωση που φύγει το μίνιμουμ στο συμβολαίο του είναι 6.000 δολάρια.

Σχετικά με τις μετακινήσεις άκούγονται και τα έξης: Ο ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΣ ένοιαφέρεται γιάτδν μέσο της ΕΛΛΑΣ Αθελιάτας Στβ Ατσόλα και τó Σίβεν Ολμπικ γιά τών Στβένσον τó Α-λέξανδρον.

Πέντως ή βόμβα θα άκουσσει στην Κροατία όπου δ μάλιστα όφιν Μιούριον έκπινει. Σε θα πάρει δύο γυνιστοί διεθνείς ποδοσφαιριστές.

## ΚΑΙΤΩΝ ΚΑΙ ΔΟΞΑ ΠΕΡΑΔΑΝ ΣΤΟΥΣ 8

Τό Κλάρτον ΧΙΛ και ή Αδρα Γιάραβιλ πέρασαν στους 8 τού Βικτόριαν Κάπ και τó ΣΕΒ-Βατο παίξουν μεταξύ τους.

Η Αδρα στή πένυαλτ νίκησε τó Βοσεντον με 7-5 και τó Κλάρτον απέκλεισε τó Γιάλλορν με 3-1.

Τό Κλάρτον με προσπάθειες τού Ανδρίστ στο 1' και 4' προηγήθηκε 2-0 με τούς Σοιχ-ρίτζη και Κάρλντν.

Στό 28' δ Πάτνας έκανε τó 3-0 και στή συνέχεια χάρηκαν καλές ευκαιρίες γιά μεγαλύτερο σκόρ.

Στην έπανάληψη τó Γιάλλορν μείωσε σέ 3-1 που ήταν και τó τελικό σκόρ.

Αίσθηρη ή έπαισση του κ. ΡΑΡΥ ήταν μόνο γιά τούς παίκτες τού... Κλάρτον ΧΙΛ ενό θά μπορούσε να είχε δείξει περισσότερες άκρες στους φίλοενομένους.

## ΤΗΝ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ ΤΟ ΡΟΤΜΑΝΣ ΜΕΔΑΛ 1985

Την Παρασκευή 4 "Οκτώβρη και στό ξενοδοχείο "Εσθονερ Κρός" της Μελβούρνης θα γί νεν ή άπόνοση τού ΡΟΤΜΑΝΣ ΜΕΔΑΛ. Στην άπόνοση αυτή βαρβατεύει δ καλύτερος

παίκτης τού Σπιντ Αήκη της Βικτόριας και σύμφωνα με την βαθμολογία τών διατιτών.

## ΟΙ 130.000 ΔΟΛΑΡΙΑ

Ακούω γιά μιά ομάδα της έθνικής κατηγορίας από τών Νότιο "Ομίλο" πώς είναι χρεωμένη με χρι τώρα 130.000 δολάρια και σκέπτομαι αν άραγε πγαίνει πρός τó μπρόξ ή πός τών βυ βό. Μά είναι δυνατόν να καλυφθούν τόσα λεπτά με δύο - τρεις έκδηλώσεις και με λήγια τού άέρα;

## ΓΚΑΠΤΕΝ ΣΙΤΥ - ΠΑΛΑΙΜΑΧΟΙ ΣΠΙΝΚΕΡΝΙΑ 2-2

Στή πάλαια τού έορτασμού γιά τó Τσόνιουρος τού διοργάνωσε τó Σάουθ Σπρινγκβίλ, έγινε και δ φιλικός άγώνας τών παλαιμάχων τού συλλόγου με τó Γκάρντεν Σίτν τó όποιο δέν είχε ρίχουε τούς παίκτες τών.

Τό τελικό αποτέλεσμα 2-2 ήταν δίκαιο και γιά τις δύο ομάδες.

Τό γκόλ πέτυχαν ο Αποστολόπουλος, Λαζαρίδης γιά τó Γκάρντεν και Κόρφορς, Πέτρον γιά τούς γηπεδόχους.

## ΑΡΙΣΤΗ ΔΙΟΡΓΑΝΩΣΗ ΣΤΟ ΣΑΟΥΘ ΟΥΛ

Τό Σάουθ "Ουάη διοργάνωσε την περασμένη Κυριακή άγώνας τζούνιους και κατά την διάρκεια της ημέρας όδήσαν και τó άναυυστικά έπαθλα στους μικρούς άσους.

Έπίσης ή άόνοση τού συλλόγου έέδωσε 15 όπη άρνια δωρεάν γιά τούς φίλοδους τούς ό όποιοι στάθηκαν κοντά στή όλη τή σαιζόν στην όποια ή κυανόλευκος κέρσιος πανέλα τó πρωτάθλημα της Β' κατηγορίας.

## ΚΟΡΨΙΟΥΝ ΟΙ ΟΜΑΔΕΣ ΜΑΣ

Τό Σάουθ Σπρινγκβίλ και ή Γουέστ Γιουν. χορεύουν τó Σάββατο 5 "Οκτώβρη. Στή διάρκεια της βραδιάς θα όδοθούν στους παίκτες τά άναυυστικά έπαθλα.

## ΑΡΚΕΤΕΣ ΜΕΤΑΚΙΝΗΣΕΙΣ

Αρκετές μετακινήσεις παικτών και προπονητών πρόκειται να γίνουε στις μικρές δ ομάδες. Μέχρι στιγμής πέντως τις περισσότερες προτάσεις τις έχουν δύο πετυχημένοι τεχνικοί που όμως δέν γνωρίζουμε αν άλλάζουν ή όχι ομάδες.

## Η Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ ΕΚΧΑΡΙΣΤΕΙ

Ο γενικός άρχηγός της Ν.Ελλάς "Άλκη Μωρλας και δ γραμματέας Μανώλης Βέσης, έκχαριστούν τών κ.Πουλακλή γιά τήν προσφορά του και γενικά τήν βοήθεια που έδωσε στην σύλλογο και τελικά δέν, έχασε την κατηγορία.



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